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Jails fury as 3,000 jobs axed

Governors fear rise in tensions

FRESH political crisis broke over the prison ser vice yesterday after it was disthat nearly 3,000 jobs are to go to

ing over the next three years. The scale of job losses being sought in the 40,000 prisons workforce shocked prison governors and staff yester-day. Governors will be told later this week exactly how much they need to cut from

tor-General, stressed yester-day in an interview on BBC Radio's The World This vice had to find a way of implementing a Treasuryagreed reduction of 13.3 per isters are preparing to aban-cent. "It will be difficult," he don some of the key said. "It is too soon to say objectives set by Lord Woolf

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prison governors and penal the cost reductions should go reformers all expressed fears yesterday that the job losses will increase tensions inside prisons in England were 15 to yesterday that the job losses will increase tensions inside Britain's 136 prisons and lead to the erosion of regimes designed to prevent criminals re-offending at a time when the prison population is about to reach a record 53,000 and is priority had to be to maintain priority had to be to maintain the priority had

rising at 100 a week.

John Marriott, the former
Governor of Parkhurst, said
on the same programme that
he believed the job cuts were



need to rush 60 extra staff to Holloway Prison a fortnight

Internal prison service documents have shown that minwhat size of reduction is nec-essary in staff numbers but we certainly expect some out of cell by each immate reduction to occur over the from 12 hours to eight. Three next three years." low-security prisons face clo-

As the Guardian disclosed last month, Ann Widdecombe, aged over 50.
Opposition politicians, the Prisons Minister, decided 25 per cent cheaper to run.

proper control and good order

John Marriott, the former in prisons.

Governor of Parkhurst, said on the same programme that he believed the job cuts were another example of a kneeligral reaction to the problems the Prison Service was facing in prisons.

"The first thing I think is the prison Governors' Association, warned that jails could not achieve both the "alarming" level of savings required and protect the public as they had done in the past.

provide as much protection as possible for those parts of the had been discussing with the likely effects. "We have to see what the effects are and come to sensible conclu-

Mr Tilt said he had specific extra money from the Trea-sury to meet the demands for accommodation through the rapid growth in the prison population. But Jack Straw, the shadow

home secretary, warned that the job losses would only add Prison Service, "John Major the number of police officers last October. Now we find out for by cuts in the numbers of prison officers. It is an absurd doing with convicted crimi nals is warehousing them lead, then that will not pre vent crime but simply encourage re-offending.

His anger was shared by Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat spokesman, who said he be-lieved that part of the Home Secretary's agenda was to in-troduce far more private pris-ons. "Michael Howard now has a prison service with fewer staff guarding more and more prisoners. It is a suicide

The concerns of the politicians were echoed by prison governors and probation offiers. Harry Fletcher of the National Association of Pro bation Officers warned that perienced staff will leave. Welfare and education work will be reduced and tension and serious incidents will rise to an unacceptable level."



Some of an estimated 10.000 volunteers who vesterday joined police for a six-hour search of countryside near Bristol for clues to the disappearance of

Thai monk admits killing Briton

Woman's murder highlights dangers of backpacker tourism

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok and Owen Bowcott

BUDDHIST monk to murdering Johanne Masheder the overall effect would dam-age prison regimes. "Prison-ers will spend longer in their cells with less to do. Many ex-of Thailand's most popular tourist destinations.

The 23-year-old's decom-posed remains had been identified earlier in the day by her Jackie, to search for her. Ms Masheder had been missing since failing to catch a flight back to Britain on December 21 at the end of a four-month

journey around the world. have been found murdered abroad already this year heightening concerns about the safety of backpacker tourism. In Thailand itself, the killing has focused attention on the less-than-saintly be-haviour of some Buddhist

ise to an unacceptable level." father, Stuart, who had flown charged Yodchat Suapoo, Chris Scott, chairman of to Thailand with his wife, aged 21, with Ms Masheder's murder after he had admitted

Yodchat Suapoo: confessed

astery in the western town of Kanchanaburi, had confessed to hitting Ms Masheder on the

head and pushing her over the edge of a ravine, but denied sexual assault.

A local police officer, Lieu-tenant-Colonel Apichit Thian-permpool, said Suapoo was an amphetamine addict who used the stolen money to buy drugs, and had previously spent two years in jail for rape. He had joined the mon-astery eight months earlier, after his release. Kanchanaburi is a tourist

destination close to the rall-way built by Allied prisoners during the second world war. Forensic tests suggested Ms Masheder had been dead for several weeks. The motorbike she had rented lay in tall grass nearby. Her body was sent to

Bangkok for an autopsy.

A newly-qualified solicitor,
Ms Masheder had been on the final stage of a backpacking holiday which took in Can-ada, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand, and was due to take up her first job with a London law firm early this year. She last telephoned her

family from the northern city of Chieng Mai on December 7 before heading south. The discovery of Ms

Masheder's body ends an in-tensive search by police and her father, who had combed

robbing her of a camera and beach resorts putting up post parts of Asia were high-fils in cash.

Suapoo, who lived in a mon-Although Buddhist monks live austere, celibate lives which prohibit them from dead in Bangalore, southern India. However, according to killing any living thing and most dangerous destinations for British tourists over the ban contact with women. there have been several scandals. In February last year a last five years have been the prominent monk, Phra United States, South Africa Yantra, was accused of seduc-ing a nun and fathering a

child by a Thai woman.

hild by a Thai woman. Hunger weakens kidnapped
The dangers of travelling in Britons, page 7

Elite forces prepare for Chechen showdown Johanne Masheder: dead

USSIAN special forces made large-scale move-ments last night around the village of Pervomayskaya, where Chechen rebels are holding more than 100 hostages, and security chiefs flew to the spot to make a decision on whether to storm it.

General Mikhail Barsukov, Service (FSB), and General Anatoly Kulikov, the interior minister, arrived by helicop-ter after Moscow's 10am dead line for the rebel group led by Salman Raduyev to surrender Salman Raduyev to surrender "Raduyev has a lot of blood unconditionally passed with on his hands," Gen Mikhailov

Later, a Russian interior ministry official said: "A to the rebels in the Chechen night will be allowed [to the | language reportedly laid Chechens] for thinking things over." But all the signs on the ground seemed to indicate that for Moscow — if not the Chechens — the moment of rebels. As the former head of the checkens — the moment of rebels. As the former head of the checkens — the moment of rebels is a singulage reportedly fail and the manify by footsomers.

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emergency session, and ap-pealed to the Russians not to

storm the village.
The Chechens, thought to
number at least 150, have been holding more than 100 people hostage in the village

since Wednesday.

The FSB spokesman, General Alexandr Mikhailov, said

A military a decree by President Boris Yeltsin offering an amnesty to Chechen rebels who laid down their weapons would still apply to any separatists who surrendered - except Mr Raduyev himself.

James Mook in Sovietskoye, decision was imminent. Last the presidential security sernight, the local parliament in Dagestan was meeting in Mr Yeltsin and his influential aide, Alexandr Korzhakov.

Military activity around Pervomayskaya was intense yesterday, with hundreds of fresh soldiers and armoured troop-carriers advancing towards the village, and then being moved out to other

A military field hospital was set up close to the neigh-bouring village of Sovietskoye, Power was cut to both the villages. Many of the troops brought

ist weapons, such as the Dra-gunov sniper's rifle. Any attack on the village which had a hope of saving Loudspeakers broadcasting any of the hostages' lives of the rebels in the Chechen would have to be carried out mainly by footsoldiers.

The two most effective units Russia could call on are Continued on page 2, col 7

Exiled Saudi dissidents seek television licence

THE Government faces fresh embarrassment over the Saudi opposition leader. Mohammed al-Mas'ari, as it emerged that his supporters in yesterday carried specialare to apply today for a televi-ist weapons, such as the Drasion licence to broadcast antiregime polemics into Saudi Arabia.

The Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, the dissident group led by Mr last week and to be ready to pressure from the Saudi gov-

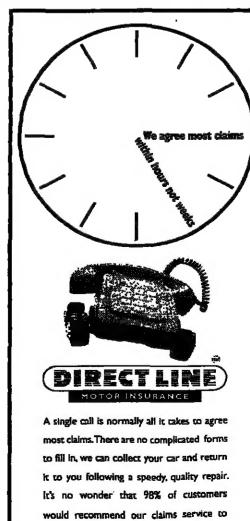
weeks. Sa'ad Fagih, CDLR | dissident is appealing against secretary, said last night that the decision and a cross-party a company belonging to the campaign against the expul-organisation would today sion is to be launched in the apply to the Independent Commons tonight.
Television Commission The Department through its lawyer for a tele-

hoped to broadcast for up to the FTC greater powers to re-

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, ordered the begin broadcasts from Lon- ernment and British exportdon in the next couple of ers to the kingdom. The Saudi | countries.

The Department of National Heritage yesterday denied vision licence. reports that an amendment to the said the dissidents the Broadcasting Bill, giving hoped to broadcast for up to two hours a day to the 800,000 fuse licences on political grounds, would be put in the Lords next week as a result of

the al-Mas'ari case. A spokesman said that exal-Mas'ari, is also understood to have taken delivery of radio transmitter equipment nica earlier this month after granted a licence. The CDLR is also planning to set up broadcasting bases in other



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Las Vegas sketch

the king of kitsch



Jonathan Freedland

N LAS Vegas the competition is flerce, but few could challenge the claim of the Liberace Museum to be the tackiest place in the tackiest town in all the world.

You know you're there when you spot the two sleek, china dogs standing guard in the foyer — both mementoes from the Cloisters, the Palm Springs hacienda Liberace used to call home. The dogs are naff, but they're nothing compared with what you see inside — once you've paid the "minumum tax-deductible donation" of \$6.50 for adults, \$2 for children.

Devotees of the man they used to call Mr Showmanship have constructed nothing less than a palace of kitsch, in three packed wings. The fact that the entire complex is located near the airport in several chunks of a shopping mall, separated by a 7-Eleven store and a Middle Eastern

deli, only enhances the effect. First comes the Main Mu-seum, housing the Piano, Car and Celebrity galleries. Visitors can marvel at the master planist's collection of 18 rare and customised instruments, ali looking like props from a costume drama about 18th century Austria. At the centre is Liberace's favourite grand piano, a Baldwin covered with thousands of etched mirror tiles. Fearing its subtle charms might be ignored, staff have mounted the instrument

on a revolving stage. True fans stop elsewhere, at the very plano — also a Baldwin, inlaid with gold — used at the maestro's last perfor-mance at Radio City Music 1987. To maintain the sombre mood, a tape of Liberace's rendering of Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered plays gently in the background.

The Celebrity Gallery turns out to be a line-up of lurid pub-licity shots, most of them de-

First night

Andrew Clements

COTTISH Opera enter 1996 in the knowledge that the coming year

will, in the words of its genera

director, Richard Jarman,

make or break the company.

Of all the funding crises af-

flicting British opera at the

moment, this is the one that

threatening proportions, with a future caught between the

immovable rock of the Scot-

tish Office and the unforgiv-

ing hard place of the Scottish

In the meantime, operatio

production of Hansel and Gre-

tel should be as good a way as any to raise new year spirits.

No one would expect a spectacular, big-budget show in Glas-

gow at present Mark Tinkler's production, with de-signs by Richard Aylwin, has

clearly been conceived with a wary eye on costs. It certainly looks cheap enough, but it

doesn't turn out very cheerful, and a sense of confusion in the

aims of the staging, and a lack of finesse in realising them,

take most of the charm out of what has the musical founda-

tions to be a thoroughly satis-

san, the score, one of the most

deft and magical in the reper-

tory, is presented by the Scot-

tish Opera Orchestra with a

nicely judged array of fine de-

turned performances, too, es-

pecially Elizabeth Vaughan as

MPs' inquiry to put lottery

iackpots under scrutiny

careful sense of scale and a

tail. There are some well-

the Witch, who steals the

Patrick Wintour, Chief

Political Correspondent

THE National Lottery is to

be the subject of a fullin-

quiry by the National Heri-

tage select committee, its chairman Gerald Kaufman

Mr Kaufman - known for

fying show. Under Guido Ajmone-Mar-

life has to go on, and a new

has genuinely reached life-

Hansel and Gretel

Theatre Royal, Glasgow

Lost in a wood

of fuzzy ideas

ploying extensive soft focus and air brush work. Besides correspondence with Lyndon Johnson and a snap with Ron-ald Reagan, the bulk of the exhibits recall long-forgotten crooners, comedians and legas hangers-on. One display commemorates Liber-ace's visit to Westminster on April 27, 1978. Close inspection reveals no pictures of the virtuoso with Jim Callaghan. or with anybody else for that matter. Rather it suggests a standard issue leaflet which

has been cut up and stuck The room is dominated by the Liberace auto collection, including a rhinestone-cov ered Rolls-Royce, another Roller done up like the American flag with rhinestones for the stars, and a Volkswagen-Rolls hybrid in rhinestone and

Liberace liked rhinestones There's one the size of a foot-ball, donated from Barron Hilton, on show in the Jewellery Gallery. Close by is the 22 carat amethyst which pur-ports to be a "gift from the Queen of England."

There is a patriotic flavour to the whole place, and not just from the stars and stripes hot pants. Władziu Liberace's journey from humble Polish immigrant to world's highest paid musician is the classic rags-to-rhinestones story. What's more, the proceeds go to charity: the Liberace Foun-dation for the Performing and

Not all the visitors, said to total 150,000 a year, are blue-rinsed faithful. The museum has attracted a different kind of customer, present all over Las Vegas: the irony tourist. These Generation X-ers par-ticularly enjoy ribbing the cu-rators about the fact that no explanation is given for how Liberace died. "He was old, he just died," say the staff. Aids is

never mentioned.

That's probably the way he would have liked it. Besides, there are more pressing con-cerns: like visiting the gift shop to buy, say, a black and white, beaded, grand pianoshaped handbag. Liberace may be dead, but his style lives on in a town that also boasts a museum dedicated (by her-self) to the still extant Debbie

Leaving Las Vegas,

Smythe's bluff, no-nonsense Father, and Lisa Milne's

warm-toned Dew Fairy. The

Hansel and Gretel of Claire Bradshaw and Catriona Smit

But it is in the depiction of the brother and sister on stage

There has been little obvious attempt to make either Brad-

shaw or Smith look child-like;

Hansel affects a gawky man-

nish gait, Gretel wears a cosnush gair, Gretel wears a cos-tume that emphasises her fig-ure, so that she could just as easily be playing her mother. At first, that seemed as if it

might be one of the produc-

tion's ideas - adults playing

— especially when Hansel puts his hand up his sister's

skirt during the first scene's

tion, that line soon peters out There is a heavy weight

placed upon the significance of the number seven in the opera, so that the dream pantomine at the climax of act two is turned into a tableau

depicting Shakespeare's

Seven Ages and the scene in the witch's cottage is domi-

nated by seven luminous eggi from which eventually the blind children are released.

But in dramatic terms it all

adds up to very little. Loose ends are left to dangle and the

setting is never sure whether

to go for dour realism or choc-

olate-box sentimentality. The

seems to come off despite the

production. The rest is too

fuzzy to match Humper-dinck's imperishable score,

and the company's competen

criticism about the running of the lottery by its organiser. Camelot.

The lottery at the weekend

again failed to find a big win-ner, ensuring another roll-over and a top potential prize

Churchmen, politicians and

charities have called for a cap on prizes but Virginia Bot-

tomley, the Heritage Secre-

tary, has refused to respond.

performance of it

of £20 million.

one surefire success —

Vaughan's tour de force-

mischief. But like so many other ideas in Tinkler's direc

at being children or vice verse

that the problems begin.

Savers stand to pick up £800 bonus as building society joins rush to sell shares on Stock Exchange

A tacky bow to Alliance set for flotation

ORE than three million savers at the Alliance Leicester & Leicester stand to pick up an average £800 free-share bonanza as the high street financial giant prepares to announce early next month that it will become the next building society to seek a nock market quote.

After more than a year of planning, the Alliance & elcester is in the final stages of drawing up flotation plans which will value it at more

week's flotation announcenent by the Woolwich, will joining a growing list of building societies selling their shares on the Stock

Speculation about the Alliance's intentions have been growing since it increased the minimum investment needed to open a share account to 25.000 last month. It said the rise was "purely a business decision" to deter the growing wave of speculative

Building societies have have been inundated with "carpetbaggers" putting a open their share accounts to customers whose Tax Exempt minimum £101 in society qualify for any windfall has Special Savings Accounts

The move, following last | share accounts in order to | not been established, but the | receive the voting rights needed to qualify for a windto a bank or merge with another society.

Alliance chief executive Peter White has yet to decide when the flotation will take place, but he hopes to heat the Woolwich to the stock market. A spokesman said the new Alliance & Leicester plc should be listed on the exchange by the summer of 1997, several months before the Woolwich.

A "cut-off date" by which members would have had to the membership rights of the open their share accounts to customers whose Tax Exempt

society said yesterday: "It's too late for last minute

counts in the new year.

The Alliance & Leicester is

end of its financial year. In addition, the December date will not disenfranchise

The Woolwich has refused to offer share perks to savers registered after the end of last year, to the disappointment of more than 40,000 speculative investors who opened ac-

expected to have the same December 31 cut-off date, which

(Tessas) matured on January

Many Alliance & Leicester customers, however, will not be entitled to a free shares windfall. More than one million depositors with Girobank, which the society aquired in 1990, are expected not to benefit, nor are customers with Alliance life insurance or unit trust products.

The latest conversion deci sion and the promise of windfalls has turned punters' eyes to other societies for similar

Nationwide will become Britain's largest society after the Halifax flotation and could be forced to join the

growing ranks of banks. Such move would be against the will of its chief executive, Brian Davis, who demonstrated his commitment to mutuality when he became deputy chairman of the Building Societies' Association. Bradford & Bingley has

continually ruled out any conversion, but could also be pushed to convert.

It is more likely that smaller societies such as Birmingham Midshires, Britannia, Chelsea, and Bristol & West would either merge to strengthen their position as mutual organisations or convert to banks to compete with larger banks.



Ecstasy claims another young victim

RESH warnings were issued last night about the dangers of taking ecstasy following the death of a 19-year-old who col-lapsed after taking the drug in a nightclub - the second teenager to die in less than Josephine Bouzis, whose

the Club UK nightclub in Wandsworth, London, told a Scotland Yard press conference yesterday: "Ecstasy tablets destroy families."

Andreas became ill in the early hours of Saturday while at the nightclub after he and two friends had each bought a tablet at the entrance. The two other youths suffered no illeffects. However, Andreas started to become very hot and sweat profusely. He told his friends he was going to the front door for some fresh air but collapsed inside the toilet area, and was rushed to hospital.

Mrs Bouzis, accompanied by her husband Tasos and Andreas's best friend, Peter Georgiou, said: "Andreas was our life, our family, our love, our reason to live. Yesterday our son had a future, he had a life just as your child."

Mrs Bouzis, who was born in Spain, wept as she said: "One Friday he went to a club just as your child may have done. Now he is dead. He is gone for ever. I clubbing can understand cannot describe our feel-the pressure of taking control to the pressu



has been taken away. Mr Georgiou, aged 19, who was at Club UK with Andreas on Friday, delivered a stark warning to other youths: "Due to one ecstasy tablet that cost just

The death of Leah Betts from Essex after taking one tablet at her 18th birthday party in November fired the debate about ecstasy. It hit the headlines again when Helen Cousins, aged 19, from Peterborough, almost

dreas had taken any drugs before, but confirmed the teenager had a weak heart. Police visited the club on Saturday and arrested a man who was later charged with possession with intent

However, it will be less easy for Central Office ideologi-cally to dismiss figures show-

ing that the Tories have taker

more of the national income in tax than did the Callaghan

administration.
These show that when

Labour was in office, central

government taxation took 34.3

per cent of the country's

Gross Domestic Product

den has averaged 37.3 per cent

The cumulative impact of this higher tax take, in terms

of GDP, amounts to £264.6

billion in extra taxes since

1979, more than the total tax

The Conservatives will,

the Tories have been used to

of GDP.

take in 1994/5.

rail freight deal day's Observer revealed. A BR spokesman confirmed that Wisconsin was lined up Richard Thomas

Red faces over

HE Government yester day suffered a big em-barrassment over its ingreater market competition, after it was revealed that a US consortium is poised to take over all three of British Rail's freight operations.

Labour seized on news that a consortium led by Illinois based Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation was set to take over BR's freight operations, accusing the Conservatives of establishing a private sector mo-nopoly and endangering jobs. Brian Wilson, the shadow transport spokesman, said last night: "There has been so

little private sector interest that they've had to grab at whoever they can get." Bringing together the haul-age operations — which were split into three by the Government to encourage competi-tion — would inevitably mean

job cuts, he added. Wisconsin — which runs the royal train and Royal Mail — told investors on Friday it had been granted "pre-ferred bidder" status for the

freight companies, yester-

to take over the three opera-tions — Mainline, Loadhaul and Transrall - which have a combined annual turnover of about £600 million. Management buyouts were

ruled out by the Government last year. Ministers have argued a single owner is more likely to increase the volume of goods carried by rail. Mr Wilson said that if this was true, the Tories should never have broken up the opera-tions. "It was complete madness from the outset," he said. Barring any major dis-putes, the deal — rumoured to be worth about £200 million — should be finalised next month. BR said that Wisconsin's previous experience

made any delay unlikely.

The consortium includes
New Zealand merchant bank Fay Richwhite, under investigation for alleged tax fraud, and Berkshire Partners, a

Boston-based finance house. Meanwhile, figures given in response to a parliamentary question by Labour MPs Glenda Jackson and John Watts on the cost of the rail sell-off show that £1.8 billion will be spent on extra subsi-

Chechen showdown looms

the FSB's Alpha anti-terrorist group of experienced, fearle force and the Russian equivalent of the SAS, the special forces of the GRU military intelligence department.

two forces could work together. Complicating the picture is the existence of a host of other self-styled "special" units petronised by generals keen to have the prestige of commandos who are wellequipped and tough-looking at their disposal, but who are not necessarily well trained.

The Russians face a large who have little to lose. Security services have

reportedly intercepted satellite telephone conversations between the rebels and the separatist leader within Chechenia, Dzhokhar Dudayev, in which he is said to have told them to disregard the safety of the hostages and fight to the last man.

However, there is no way of knowing if the conversation

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Tory tax share 'outdoes Labour'

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

HE Government's tax take as a proportion of national income has been higher than under the last Labour administration in all but one of the past 16
years, according to figures
supplied by the House of Commons library to Labour MP
Hugh Bayley.

The figures, bound to form
a central part of Labour's armoury in the battle over tax
in the run-up to the general

in the run-up to the general election, show that the cumulative effect of Tory tax increases over the past 16 years amounts to £735 billion. The analysis, provided by

Commons statisticians, is at constant 1994/5 prices.

Ministers will seek to dismiss the £735 billion, arguing the increase has been financed by growth in the economy since 1979, but they will still prove embarrassing to a government committed to

below 40 per cent of GDP. In the last tax year (1994/5) the Government took £236.6 billion in taxes and national

reducing taxes and taking the

overall burden of tax down

Tax receipts Cho, constant 1994/95 prices Taxes on impine 0.0 6.2 12.2 1978/79 55.8 29.9 25.4 25.7 25.7 26.5 28.7 52.7 30.1 52.6 30.4 182.1 181.5 196.8 199.0 204.3 211.5 216.1 221.6 233.2 238.4 239.8 1980/81 52.6 30.4 1981/82 56.2 31.7 27.3 25.7 24.7 28.3 25.2 22.2 33.7 37.2 1985/86 1986/87 38.2 57.5 23.6 19.7 17.5 44.0 1989/90 62.3 1990/91 231.0 218.8 1992/93 59.4 64.0 42.6 48.2

insurance, compared with | tax burden amounts to £32,131 £170.9 billion at comparable for each of the country's 22.4 prices collected by Labour in million households, or an avthe last year of the Callaghan

Mr Bayley claims that if the Tories had kept taxation down to the level they inherited from Labour, they would have taken £735.8 billion less in taxes during their 16 years

million households, or an average of £2,053 in extra tax for each household each year. Conservative Central Office

in office. The increase in the tion and health services.

however, argue that income tax, as opposed to indirect 236.6 65.9 Total (ax increase since 1976/79 (at current prices): £735.8 be tax, has been steadily falling over the past 16 years as a proportion of GDP — down from 11.2 per cent in 1978/79 to 9.4 per cent in 1994/5. Mr Bayley said yesterday: "The higher taxes levied by

is likely to argue that rising living standards more than compensate for the increase. and that the extra tax has been used to improve educa-

pay for the billions they have wasted on failed policies like the poll tax and rail privatisation.

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BARGAIN.

plications of a stakeholding economy for British business

riposte from Mr Mawhinney

It was the greatest examp

of inadequate memory that I've seen from a senior politician in a long time," he told LWT's Crosstalk programme.

Labour, he said, was committed to introducing new

burdens on industry such as the minimum wage, Euro-

pean social chapter, a right to union recognition after a workforce ballot, and a right to strike with legal protection

from unfair dismissal.

Mr Blair insisted: "A stakeholder economy is not about

women's co-operatives or any of the rest of the rubbish that the Conservatives have been

saying this week. A stakeholder economy is about empowering people and saying that people have got to be given a stake in the country's

'You cannot move

this country on

unless all get the

chance to benefit in

the wealth created

move this country on economically and socially unless all its citizens are getting the

wealth that is being created." Mr Blair said the Conserva-

tive Party was disintegrating and unable to choose whether

it was a Thatcherite or one

nation party.
With reports that Lady

Thatcher plans further set-

piece speeches, there was renewed speculation John Major might face a fresh lead-

ership crisis in the wake of likely disastrous local govern-

ment election results in May.

In a possibly ominous sign for Mr Major, the Conserva-tive backbench 1922 executive

committee has shelved one-time plans to ban leadership

Blair woos

industry on

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

ABOUR leader Tony

Blair yesterday sought to allay business fears that his plans for a stakeholder economy implied

a raft of new corporatist legislation, including granting new rights to employees or imposing onerous new duties on shareholders.

Under pressure from Conservative Party chairman Brian Mawhinney to spell out the policy implications of sta-keholding for companies, Mr Blair confused some on the

left by promising his big idea did not require new laws.
But it emerged yesterday
that two internal Labour

working parties — one on cor-

porate taxation chaired by the shadow chief secretary Andrew Smith and another

on corporate governance chaired by the shadow indus-

try secretary, Margaret Beck-

ett — are close to completing

detailed plans designed to

broaden corporate responsi

bility, some of which have

The groups have been look-ing at offering tax breaks for

pension funds that maintain

investment in companies long-term, and tax incentives

for companies favouring in-vestment over dividends.

The study groups are also looking at a greater role for

non-executive directors,

restrictions on takeover bids,

boardroom seats for company suppliers, greater employee

share ownership and possibly requiring institutional inves-

tors to vote at annual share-

holder meetings.
The overall aim, front

bench sources insisted yester-

day, was to encourage a cul-

tural shift away from short-

termism, rather than to tmpose new regulations.

Speaking on BBC TV's
Frost programme. Mr Blair

insisted that the slogan stake-holder economy in itself did not signal a radical new pol-

icy departure for Labour, but instead an attempt to provide

without a referendum.

a unifying theme for his form of one nation socialism.

He also gave his strongest himsey insisted it was not

hints yet he did not intend to raise the top rate of tax or let would be a leadership chal-

However, it was Mr Blair's Leader come

legislative implications.

stakeholding

Pop stars set bandwagon rolling ● New group used as weapon against PR ● Confusion over Labour leader's big idea



Rocking the young into vote awareness

Alex Bellos on a large-scale music industry initiative

panies and nightclubs are supporting a high-profile drive to get more young people to vote, in a campaign which will poten-tially be a big electoral gift to the Labour Party.

Rock the Vote aims to copy the US campaign of the same name, which registered \$50,000 new voters for the 1992 election and helped reverse a 20-year trend of declining political participation among issues" such as the environ-18 to 24-year-olds.'
Rock the Vote UK will

enlist the help of pop stars to promote awareness of politics and aims to culminate in a Band Aid-style concert in the run-up to the next election. Blur's lead singer, Damon Albarn, is the biggest name so far to pledge support.
Adverts in youth magazines

and on television will encour-age young people to register and then use their vote. They will try to combat a disillusignment with British politics which resulted in 40 per cent of 18 to 25-year-olds not voting at the last election — either because of non-registration or apathy — compared with shout 25 per cent of the nouries. BMG is the first major record company to back the campaign, although several others are expected to join.

Ministry of Sound, one of the course of the cou about 22 per cent of the population as a whole.

young people are not as in-volved in the political process

OP bands, record com- | them to register to vote and | telling people how to register panies and nightclubs | use that vote is a basic demo- | to vote and will chase up noncratic right. Anything that makes them do that is worth having a stab at," said John Preston, chairman of BMG re-cords, who is on the Rock the Vote board.

He is aware that the cam-paign needs to attract politiment and civil or animal

Mr Preston said: "Single issue politics may be more exciting and more emotional but in terms of getting to grips with how the country is run, that is exercised through your vote."

To be launched the day be-fore the televised Brit awards ceremony next month, Rock the Vote's first PR stunt is to get the winning acts to mention the campaign as they ac-

the country's "superclubs", is organising its own campaign under the umbrells of Rock the Vote, which has already raised £50,000. The London as they should be. Getting chub is printing 200,000 flyers

registered people on its 30,000 name-strong database. Rock the Vote will be urging record companies to put stickers on all CDs and urgpromotions. Pop stars will be urged to talk about it when on

urged to talk about it when on tour. "The bandwagon will start rolling very soon and hopefully it will grow and grow as people realise it is a very important thing to support." said board member Charles Stewart-Smith, director of PR firm Luther Pendragon. Pendragon. The campaign has the en-dorsement of all three largest political parties, as none can be seen to discourage political participation, and a Conservative, the former MP Mat

thew Parris, is on the board. But Labour is likely to be the main beneficiary: polls consistently show young people are more likely to sympathisewith the left, and pop stars, if political, have traditionally leant that way. Mr Stewart-Smith said: The music industry has no

interest in being seen as parvatives. We know we cannot stop pop stars using us as a platform to espouse their po-litical views, but by asking and getting the support of all sibly in not taking sides.

cent of young people have not decided who to vote for. The idea is to raise the profile of young people. It will then be up to the parties to decide how they make use of that profile by having policies that win them over."
In the US, Rock the Vote

bers of the music industry as an action group against the threat of Republican-backed censorship of contentious lyrics. It quickly grew into a registration drive and has subse quently become a more general public education campaign, enlisting the help of stars such as REM, Lenny Vote for 18 months.



Blur's lead singer, Damon Albarn, who has pledged support PHOTOGRAPH ALEX MACHAUGHTON

Kravitz, Tom Cruise and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. An

anti-piracy clampdown anshortly after his inauguration was seen as a thank-you to the music industry for recruiting voters. **CURRENT ACCOUNT**

keen to be taken more seriously in Westminster - in particular they want more anti-piracy legislation - and ing something like Rock the

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Scargill party set for byelection

Seumas Milne and Patrick Wintour on warnings sparked by the miners' leader's breakaway

Campaign aims to raise young people's awareness

RTHUR Scargill's fledg-ling Socialist Labour Party is set to run a candidate in next month's Hemsworth byelection, it emerged last night. Mean-while, Labour opponents of proportional representation warned Tony Blair that elec-toral reform could throw the new organisation a lifeline.

The Labour leader dis-missed the challenge from the country's best-known trade unionist but promised he did from the Labour Party.

Discussing Mr Scargill's move, Mr Blair said on the BBC's Breakfast with Frost programme that it was about

two different visions". "One is of old-style state control, nationalisation, collective power of the old sort, whereas my view is that the Labour Party is grouped around a set of values." That was "why New Labour was



Arthur Scargill: 'Blair has

doing more to destroy social-ism than Lady Thatcher. He said it was incompre-hensible that socialists

been closely monitoring Mr Scargill's plans, are confident there will be no heavyweight party or union defections. leader's departure as proof that "Labour has changed in changed in government".

bracing the "devil" of capitalism and the free market, and should want to stay with New

Labour officials, who have Mr Blair cited the miners'

for the second time in four

currently committed to a referendum — saying it could allow Mr Scargill on to the national stage and undermine a future Labour government. Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central and a shadow defence minister, said yesterday that proportional representation led to fragmentation and support for extremist parties, and his PR-supporting colleagues "would do well to bear that in mind when considering the pros-

pects of Arthur Scargill". The first test for Socialist Labour is now likely to take place before its proper aunch, in the Hemsworth yelection on February 1, in a traditional mining constituency, where the National Union of Mineworkers' nomi-nee has been banned from standing as Labour candidate

A spokesman for the SLP founding group said last night it was now "odds-on" that it would field a candidate. Membership cards are already being issued and a conference that "Labour has changed in opposition and will remain changed in government".

Labour MPs opposed to The formal launch will be on Scargel manifesto, page 9

electoral reform seized on the new party as a weapon in their battle against growing support for proportional representation — the party is Labour MPs or union general secretaries. But several Labour councillors have applied to join, as have half a dozen members of the Rail Maritime and Transport union executive, and its assistant general secretary.

Activists from the building workers' union Ucstt, the white-collar MSF union, the public service union Unison, and the Transport and Gen-eral Workers' Union were also represented at Satur day's meeting Mr Scargill has set a target

of 5,000 members within 18 months, aiming to make a particular pitch to young single-issue activists as well as the disaffected in the labour movement.

The most savage criticism of Mr Scargill yesterday came from Ken Livingstone, the leftwing MP, who accused the miners' leader of "opting out of the struggle over the future direction of a Labour government. Arthur does not have a single Labour MP — Just a small group of supporters, and quite frankly quite a small group of nutters in



John O'Brien did not deny that many of Leaving Las Vegas's alcohol-fuelled incidents came directly from his own ugly experience. The power of his descriptions, anyway. betrayed the thoroughness of his research.

ian Katz G2 cover story

Barristers in court over race claim

Clare Dyer Legal Corres

BLACK barrister has launched an unprecedented legal action accusing her senior clerk and some of the other barristers in her chambers of race discrimination and

Joy Okoye, aged 39, whose case is supported by the Commission for Racial Equality. claims Brian Mountain. senior clerk at Staple Inn Chambers, central London, caved in to a solicitor's request for a barrister with a 'less African sounding"

name. The solicitors' firm had asked for a family law specialist with at least 10 years' experience. Ms Okoye, who qualified 14 years ago, claims she was initially suggested because she was the only barrister in chambers who met the criteria.

But she alleges the work was passed to a junior col-league after the firm's senior partner rang the following day and "unequivocally " that she could not be used because of her name. The case is to be heard at

Central London county court on a date yet to be fixed. There is a widespread feeling among the black Bar that clerks, who play a key role in allocating work, fail to put

them forward and promote their careers. Ms Okoye, whose lawsuit is revealed in this week's issue

of The Lawyer, accuses Mr Mountain in her summons of obstructing her in various ways and "failing to promote and nurture her practice". She claims that the clerk

operate in reporting the law to the Solicitors Com- progress

plaints Bureau, and that her colleagues humiliated her and tried to oust her from

Ms Okoye and the chambers have been ordered by a High Court judge to go to arbitration over colleagues' alleged attempt to force her out. The arbitration has been set for next March.

After an altercation last August between Ms Okoye and some of her colleagues, a High Court judge ordered both sides not to "assault molest, or otherwise interfere

Neither Ms Okoye nor the

• The Bar's law school. which consistently fails a higher proportion of black than white students, is to mount a three-year pro-gramme to avoid a formal investigation by the Commis-sion for Racial Equality. The CRE threatened an in-

vestigation after results from the Inns of Court School of Law for 1991/92 showed that 45 per cent of blacks failed, compared with only 16 per cent of whites.

In 1994 the school's own independent inquiry found no evidence of discrimination but said black students suffered from "a collapse of con-fidence" and felt "isolated, in-adequate and socially and financially handicapped".

The disparity in exam results has since narrowed. Last year 25 per cent of blacks failed, compared with 10 per cent of whites.

Under a 14-point agr with the CRE, published today, the Council of Legal Education, which runs the school, will carry out further research and the school and colleagues refused to co- agreed to meet CRE officials



Ranger Trevor Appleton at work shoring up the coastline at Bantham Beach. The South Devon Heritage Coast Service has appealed to families to bring their old Christmas trees to the seaside to help stem the erosion caused by winter storms and summer visitors

Branson heads for Morocco lift-off

Owen Bowcott

HE Virgin tycoon Richard Branson flies to Morocco tomorrow to launch his attempt on one of the last unclaimed aviation records: non-stop circumnavigation of the globe by balloon.

With the veteran Swedish balloonist Per Lindstrand and Rory McCarthy, Mr Branson plans to take off from Marrakesh on Wednesday on a flight of up to 18 days that will carry them over three oceans and

Riding the high-altitude ietstreams from west to east at up to 250 mph, their 174ft high Virgin Global Challenger balloon with pressurised and heated cabin is expected to ascend more than seven miles.

Mr Branson, who has crossed the Atlantic and Pacific by balloon with Mr Lindstrand, is understood to have rewritten his will to the north.

for his latest record-break ing bid. His company has insured his life for £31.5

atlantic flight in 1987, the two nearly drowned when their balloon ditched in the

sea off Ireland. The only way the balloon-ists can influence their course is by ascending or descending into air cur-rents flowing in different directions. Branson's team will be guided by a meteorologist on the ground.

A rival for the round-the-world title, Dutch helicopter pilot Henk Brink, aged 52, has been waiting since November for the right conditions to launch his 200ff Unicef Flyer from Nijme-gen in the Netherlands. He may launch as early as

Thursday. The American millionaire Steve Fossett was forced to give up his bid after two days last week when he was blown too far

MPs' inquiry to put lottery jackpots under scrutiny

Patrick Wintour, Chief

HE National Lottery is to be the subject of a fullscale inquiry by the National Heritage select committee, its chairman Gerald Kaufman announced yesterday.

Mr Kaufman - known for running quick, pertinent inquiries - made the decision after the spate of criticism about the running of the lottery by its organiser, Camelot.

The lottery at the weekend again failed to find a big win-ner, ensuring another rollover and a top potential prize of £20 million. Last week the jackpot prize of £42 million was handed to three winners.

Churchmen, politicians and charities have called for a cap on prizes but Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has refused to respond, saying the large prizes are due to the lottery's At the weekend the lottery

came under further criticism when the Observer claimed

£100 million in prize money had not been distributed be-cause Camelot had failed to meet payout targets set by the regulator, Oflot.

Mr Kaufman said last night: "We have decided to conduct an inquiry into the lottery but we have not de-cided on the scope or when it will take place."

However, the inquiry is bound to cover areas of greatest public concern — the size of the jackpot, the way the cash is shared among good causes, and Camelot's profits. There has been criticism that too much good causes money has been concentrated on prestige arts projects in London at the expense of smaller projects in the regions. There is also concern that some ministers would like lottery income used for public spending, which the Government promised would not happen. Saturday's winning numbers were 31, 32, 48, 21, 29 and 34. The bonus number was 25.

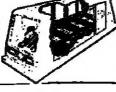
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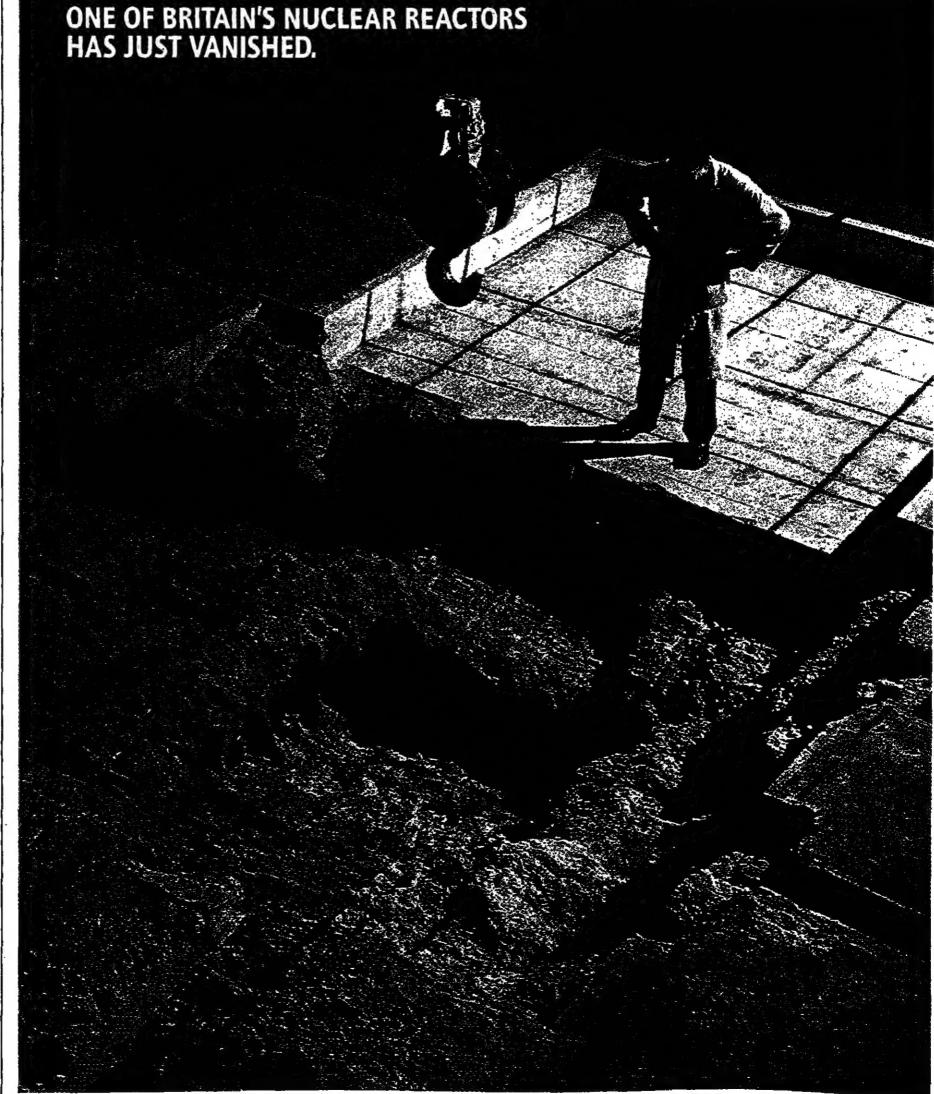
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Christian charity begins work at home

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NE of the mair Christian overseas aid agencies is to use a third of its resources to tackle social disintegration in Britain. It believes poverty in some inner cities may be as bad as in the Third World.

Tear Fund, a development and aid agency, is combining forces with the Evangelical Alliance to launch a £10 million campaign today, aiming to support 80 projects by the end of the year. UK Action will finance community projects run by evangelical churches for the elderly and the long-term unemployed. In wealthier areas, it will fund projects tackling family

breakdown and drug abuse. Sir Fred Catherwood, president of the Evangelical Alliance and a former directorgeneral of the National swamping the social ser-vices". He said: "I have been appalled by the rise of a new poverty-stricken underclass, including homeless teenagers

sleeping in cardboard boxes . Christians must do all we can to help a state which doesn't know what has hit it, to look after the victims." UK Action's launch reinforces the trend among many

of the biggest overseas aid agencies, such as Oxfam and Save the Children, to of devoting a significant proportion of their fundraising to ease deteriorating social conditions in Britain. The Evangelical Alliance -

which represents about a million Christians — is lining up with denominations such as credibility. UK Action's manager, David Evans, said the poor had got poorer over the last 30

the Church of England and the Methodists which have perceived the need for social action for their religious

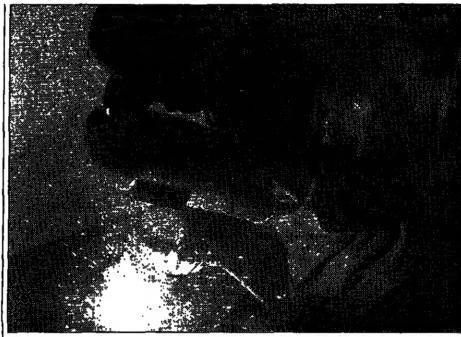
buman disaster is now | in some of our inner cities is the same as in parts of the Third World — a loss of hope, and a lack of choice and control over circumstances." personal

> questions about how much proselytising will be included with the charity dispensed to some of the most vulnerable in the population. Sir Fred said some social

The campaign will raise

problems — such as drug addiction and alcoholicm were better tackled by the Church than the state because it could offer a moral framework, but added that the purpose of UK Action was to help individuals, "not enrol them in a club". Dr Evans insisted Chris-

tianity would not be thrust down anybody's throat, but added: "In answering people's physical and emotional needs, you nourish the spiritual Hope and the power to change are spiritual issues. Jesus promised hope and control in your own life and our projects cil believes a "tidal wave of | years. "The impact of poverty | will embody that message."



Churchgoer Charles Allen learning his trade in Leeds PHOTOGRAPH: RICHARD HANSON/TEAR FUND

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Church engineers hope for jobs after 'familiar story' of cuts

THE poet Auden's image | worships with us and of God as a "mild engitable to church members neer" is the guiding spirit | about the problems of local of a project which has won £5,000 from the Evangelical Alliance and Tear Fund's new joint campaign, writes Martin Wainwright.

Behind a blizzard of welding sparks, Charles Allen started work this month as the first young trainee in a cramped workshop off Cha-

peltown Road, Leeds.
Overlooking the 20-yearold's cautious efforts is Dennis Bennard, a fellow member of Chapeltown's evangelical Community Church, who lost his job as a welding instructor when urban funding for an engineering industries' train-

ing project ran out.
"It was a familiar story the withdrawal of govern-ment funding," says Alan Maybury, another member of the 100-strong congregayoung people getting engi-neering qualifications. "He started his own small

workshop when the training scheme collapsed. When he decided to set up his own small training project, the church felt a responsibility to help."

Donations and fund-rais-

ing started locally, but the UK Action grant dwarfs them — and will give the workshop the full health and safety standards required for a recognised industrial training scheme. industrial training scheme.

More trainees will join
Charles—not just from the
Community Church, a
roughly half-black, halfwhite congregation which
has been successfully evangelising young people.

"Our faith does make a
difference," says Dr May-

of the 100-strong congrega-tion who lectures in engi-neering at Leeds Metropoli-tan university. "Dennis tirely unconditional."

Curriculum chief condemns 'politically correct' teachers

John Carvel

WOUNG teachers worry so much about political correctness that they are unwilling to instil in children the difference between right and wrong, according to the Government's chief curriculum

adviser. A study of trainee teachers at Cambridge found that they were frightened of doing anything which might suggest they were imposing racial class or gender values on

"We appear to have over-reacted," he says. "Recognition that there are differences in values between cultures has been allowed to weaken the very concept of value."

taste or opinion.

Dr Tate's demand that tra ditional moral values be brought back into the curriculum follows his complaint that British beroes are being their pupils. Nick Tate, chief that British heroes are bei executive of the School Cur-sidelined in history books.

and spiritual dimension of education that this approach leads children to believe that

morality is largely a matter of



It is impossible not to be fascinated if also appalled by the swaggering squash-fit figure of Kelvin MacKenzie. On first meeting he looks like a man who might take pleasure from inhaling his own farts.

News in brief

Abduction fear over girl, 5

POLICE issued a description last night of a man thought to have abducted a five-year-old girl from her bedroom shortly after midnight, leading her away dressed in pyjamas. A motor

ist gave them a lift in central Oldham at about 12.30am yester-day after stopping to ask if they needed help.

Greater Manchester police said that they urgently wanted to speak to the man who is about 5ft 9in, in his late twenties with short dark hair. A spokesman said that there were concerns for the safety of the girl, Rosemary McCann, who lived with her mother in Oldham. Her father "had not been around for a number of months".

The girl's mother, 27-year-old Josephine Mahon who has another daughter, aged seven, and a boy, aged five, had checked on Rosemary at 12.20am and again at 2.30am, when she found

she had gone.
Police said last night that a man was helping them with their inquiries. — Martin Wainwright

Road protesters replant trees

NEWBURY bypass protesters yesterday planted more than 100 new trees on a site cleared by contractors last week. A number of trees were felled on the Tot Hill site at the southern section of the proposed road last Wednesday and that area was replanted yesterday. Police and the Highways Agency said they were powerless to

stop the planting. There was no sign of the contractors at the site, and security guards had been given the weekend off before the battle of the

bypass enters its second week today. The demonstrators' move came amid reports that the Government is considering stopping benefits payments to the "tree people". Department of Transport officials are said to believe the plan to starve the activists of income would halve the number of protesters at the Berkshire site.

Fumes suspected in deaths

A NEWLY wed couple found dead in their Cornish cottage at the weekend may have been overcome by fumes, detectives investi-gating the incident said yesterday. Police called to the terraced cottage at Praze-an-Beeble, near Camborne, by neighbours on Saturday afternoon discovered the man in his late forties and woman in her mid thirties alumped in the front room.

The couple, believed to come from Yorkshire, bought the property as a holiday cottage two years ago and were said by neighbours to have moved in permanently after getting married this month. — Geoffrey Gibbs

Ancient Dyke for sale

A SLICE of the historic Offa's Dyke is being offered for sale as part of the disposal of British Coal land, it was announced yesterday. The 100-yard area of earthworks linked to the ancient Dyke, near

the border between North Wales and England, is being sold as part of a huge package of land and properties.

More than 1,000 acres of agricultural land and woodland, properties and farm buildings will be sold as the privatisation of the former state-owned industry's property assets continues. The section being put on the market is at Rhostyllen, near Wrexham, Clwyd. The 177-mile path was built between 757 and 796AD by Offa, the King of Mercia, to mark the frontier established by his wars with the Welsh.

Police to test CS sprays

BEAT officers are likely to be equipped with CS sprays following a meeting of senior police officers later this week. Trials of the devices are expected to be approved at a quarterly meeting of the Association of Chief Police Officers' chief constables' council in London on Thursday.

Some 2,500 officers from 18 forces will be issued with the canisters, carried on their belts, during a trial period likely to be around six months. Trials could begin in the spring.

The forces likely to test out the sprays are Avon and Somerset, Cambridgeshire, Cleveland, Dorset, Durham, Dyfed-Powys, Greater Manchester, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Merseyside, the Metropolitan Police, Northumbria, North Yorkshire, Surrey, West Mercia, West Midlands and West Yorkshire,

Meningitis serum runs out

POLICE yesterday appealed to worried parents to stay away from a hospital carrying out meningitis vaccinations after Britain ran out of vaccine.

Officers in Retford, Nottinghamshire, where two children have ben struck down by the disease, say families have been turning up at the local hospital only to find that there is no vaccine left.

But health officials in the region say they have reached their target of 7,000 vaccinations in the area over the past two days.

Another 7,000 jabs have been carried out in Rotherham, South Yorkshire, where a 17-year-old teenager died from a rare strain of

Mainly children and teachers have been immunised so far, and doctors say they are confident they have reduced the risk of

another "community outbreak".

A North Nottinghamshire health authority spokesman said more of the vaccine was being brought into Britain to continue the protection scheme. He said the situation was similar across the country and all reserves of the meningitis serum had been

Health scheme expands

PRIVATE health care company Bupa has taken the first step in recruiting doctors around the country for a controversial private

The company, Britain's biggest private health care concern, launched a pilot version of the scheme based in Reading, Berkshire, two months ago. Now it is moving on to expand the Health Direct project nationwide. Letters have been sent to more than 30 GP co-operatives — groups of several practices working together to provide out-of-hours cover — in England, Wales and Scotland.

Guardian stays ahead

THE Guardian averaged a sale of 393,325 copies a day in December. The Independent, which cut its price in reponse to Rupert Murdoch's pricing war, managed a sale of 282,965 — a 3.68 per cent riculum and Assessment Au-thority, will tell a conference today in London on the moral drop on the previous month. The Guardian's average sale for the past six months has been 395,135 — more than 102,000 copies a day

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British 'will respond to request' to secure mass graves as peace force is drawn into investigation

Troops ready to comb the mines of hell Portuguese Socialist

Julian Borger at the Ljubija iron mine, north-west Bosnia

T LOOKS like hell frozen over. Red and black rock piled high beside yawning cavities in the earth, gradually filling with oily ice and brackish water. No trees, only tufts of grass and a few forlorn wrecks of giant machines left to rust.

It is an appropriately satanic site for what is sus-pected to be Bosnia's largest mass grave, first brought to prominence by news reports last week. Now Britain's Light Infantry and the Light Dragoons posted in the area part of Nato's forces have to decide what to do about it.

Since the reports, the British troops have carried out helicopter surveys of the

In this grim corner of north-western Bosnia, scores of buses arrived throughout the sweltering summer of 1992 and filed through the metal gates of the Ljubija iron-ore mine.

Witnesses say each bus was filled with prisoners, under Bosnian Serb guard. They drove to the barren heart of the mine and came out empty. Hanifa Draganovic lived less than a mile away from

the mine gates. "The people in the buses — they were mainly men — had their their hands tied behind their heads." she said. "There were a lot of buses. They went past us for eight days."

The buses, the witnesses believe, came from Keraterm, Omarska and other Serb con-centration camps clustered around Prijedor. 10 miles to

duct a thorough search for the north. They carried hundreds, possibly thousands of Muslims and Croats, ethnically cleansed from their homes. Ljubija appears to have served as a killing

ground. The British troops, part of the Nato-led Implementation Force (I-FOR), originally wanted nothing to do with it. Their job, the officers said. was simply to keep the peace agreed in Dayton, Ohio in No-vember, not to play detective.

But the distinctions are becoming harder to maintain. One of the main reasons Nato troops are in Bosnia is Western public outrage at reports of Serb atrocities.

There are growing fears and some evidence that Bosnian Serbs may have tried to move or destroy mass graves. Brigadier Richard Dannatt, the commander of the British 4th Armoured Brigade based then I would send my men to secure the site."

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in western Bosnia, said yes-terday that his soldiers would

respond to a specific request

Katica, a Croat woman from Stara Rijeka village on the south side of the mine, said yesterday that hundreds of bodies have been reburied by Serhs in nearby woods. Only Serbs from Ljubija

did the work, but all of us in the area knew what was hap-pening." Katica said. She drew a map of the mine and placed a neat rectangle where she said the original mass grave had been. At the same spot, there is freshly dug earth. A British officer, who con-

firmed the presence of the new earth, warned against ap-proaching it: "If I was a Serb and I wanted to hide some-thing. I'd make sure I buried from the Hague war crimes tribunal or the Bosnian gov-ernment "If they come to me, and say that at co-ordinates a few mines along with the evidence to kill anyone who came looking," he said. According to the Dayton

ought to be investigated by the Bosnian government operating with the permission of the Bosnian Serbs, under I-FOR supervision. That is clearly not feasible.

The United Nations war crimes tribunal at the Hague lacks the muscle to gain access to suspected graves, and its meticulous approach to its work means it has been slow to react. Wary of open-ended commitments, I-FOR has been reluctant to offer the tribunal military backup.

A new military tribunal is mand of a US colonel, to focus on investigating war graves It will start work on Saturday. Under Western pressure,
 Bosnian Croat and Muslim leaders promised yesterday to make progress within two weeks on shoring up their

World news in brief

takes presidency

THE Portuguese Socialist Jorge Sampaio was overwhelmingly elected to succeed Mario Soares as president night, confirming

the country's swing to the left.

Exit polls for three television stations all gave him between 56 and 60 per cent of the vote, against 40-44 per cent for his rightwing rival, the former prime minister, Anibal Cavaco

Although the official count was still in progress, leaders of the conservative Social Democrats acknowledged on the basis of the polls ans forecasts that Mr Cavaco Silva, their former

Mr Sampaio's victory gives the country a head of state and a party leader, had lost. head of government from the same party — something Portuguese voters have sought to avoid in the past. In October they voted in a Socialist government under Antonio Guterres.

Mr Sampaio, an amiable former mayor of Lisbon who sought

to project himself as the avuncular figure the country needed. suggested that the reforms the electorate voted for three months ago might be jeopardised if his opponent were returned. Mr Cavaco Silva, who was prime minister for 10 years until last year, is a convinced free-marketeer. — John Hooper.

Colombian pipeline bombed

COLOMBIAN guerrillas have dynamited the country's main oil pipeline, shutting down pumping, radio reports said.

The attack occurred on Saturday on a section of the Cano Limon-Covenas pipeline near Palitas, 335 miles north of the capital Bogotá, Caracol radio reported.

The leftwing National Liberation Army (ELN) often targets the oil industry and is believed to be responsible for the attack. The pipeline transports about 230,000 barrels of oil a day to the Caribbean coast. It was not clear how much oil, if any, was spilled

Caribbean coast. It was actively the blast.

It was the third attack this year on the pipeline. Guerrillas were suspected of mounting 46 bomb attacks on the pipeline last year, and 391 since the pipeline began operations in 1986.

Rebels launched four separate attacks on Friday throughout Colombia, killing nine people — among them six soldiers, two civilians, and a police officer, and injuring eight others, the army said. Two rebels died in the attacks. — AP, Bogota.

Call for helicopter sales ban

AMNESTY International called yesterday for an immediate ban

on helicopter sales to Turkey, claiming they were used against civilians in the army's fight against Kurdish rebels.

It was the latest Western criticism of Turkey's military methods in combating the rebels. Rights groups have accused Ankara of forcibly evacuating villages in the south-east. Turkey denies the allegations France, Germany, Italy, Russia and the United States have sold

military helicopters to Turkey in the 1990s. Companies from France, Russia and the US are bidding for more orders, Amnesty

Some countries in the past have temporarily barred military sales to Turkey on the basis of similar charges. The 11-year war against Kurdish rebels seeking autonomy has claimed 20,000

"Governments of supplier countries are co-responsible for the use of arms that they are producing and selling. Financial benefits on the one side of the chain do not justify contributing to unjustifiable and illegal killing on the other." Amnesty said in a

Amnesty International called on governments that sell weapons to Turkey to ensure reliable monitoring of the "end-use of their weapons. — AP, Ankara.

Golan talks hit doldrums

SYRIA and Israel will continue their peace talks in the United States later this month, with military experts joining them, but the initial climate of optimism has largely evaporated. With both sides expressing

scepticism about each other's

intentions, that is the meagre outcome of the latest Middle East visit by the US secretary of state, Warren Christopher. In his four hours of talks with President Hafez al-Assad (right), Mr Christopher won his consent only to the inclusion of military experts

in talks starting on January 24. The Israelis had said it was time for President Assad

to give a "new mandate" to his negotiators, and to bring in experts on water, economy and all aspects of post-withdrawal Mr Christopher arrived last week, saying the talks were at a

"critical point", with the object of securing a peace treaty before this year's Israeli general election and US presidential elections. He left Damascus at the weekend, saying he still hoped for an agreement this year. But some Israeli ministers say this is impossible, and that

elections should be held in June not October — the latest possible date - so the prime minister, Shimon Peres, can profit from his popularity rather than risk losing it through making concessions to Syria. — David Hirst, Beirut.

Zimbabwe police seize film

POLICE in Zimbabwe have raided the home of two filmmakers whose film about the liberation struggle includes a scene of the rape of women guerrillas by their male comrades during the way against white minority rule. The seizure of all negatives of the film, Flame, at the home of

Ingrid Sinclair and her husband, Robert Bright, marked one of the most blatant instances of censorship since the war ended in 1980 and President Robert Mugabe came to power. Chenjerai Hunzvi, chairman of the National War Veterans

Association, representing some 25,000 former guerrillas, claimed copies of the film had been smuggled out of Zimbabwe. On Saturday, he demanded their return and destruction. "We have received allegations the film contains subversive anguage and some of the scenes are pornographic," a police

The film has tarnished the official image of the bush fighters. If charges are brought, Ms Sinclair and Mr Bright could face jail

terms of up to three years, under censorship laws enacted by the Rhodesian regime. — AP. Harars.

Chagall painting vanishes

THE Marc Chagall painting Jacob's Ladder has been reported stolen by a Tel Aviv art gallery, police said yesterday.

The gallery reported the theft on Friday, the Tel Aviv police man, Gady Doron, said.

Shaya Yariv, the owner of the Gordon Gallery, said the painting, dating from the late 1950s, was valued at between \$140,000 and \$180,000 (£90,000-£117,000).

The painting was displayed prominently in the gallery when it opened on Friday morning. Twenty minutes later, a visitor asked employees where the Chagall was. A bent nail was all that remained on the column where it had hung.

The owner said the framed painting, about 16 ins by 20 ins, which was scheduled for public auction yesterday, could have been smuggled out under a raincoat or cape. — AP, Jerusolem.

Alaska bakes as others freeze

WHILE fran and the United States' eastern seaboard reel under unwonted snowstorms, Alaskans are bemoaning a lack of snow. innonted shows to this, Alaskans are bemoaning a tack of show.

With only 10in instead of the normal 3ft lying in Anchorage, cross-country skiers are making do with a half-mile circle of artificial snow dubbed the "gerbil track", and contestants in the Iditarod Trail sled-dog race are hitching their teams to waggons and allterrain vehicles.

Meanwhile in Iran, rare blizzards at the weekend, bringing 9ft of snow in some areas, killed nine people, mainly in traffic accidents, and caused £8 million-worth of damage, cutting electricity and telephone lines and water supplies. — Agencies. An-chorage and Tehran.

Liberal revolt threatens to topple Kohl

lan Traynor in Bonn

HANCELLOR Helmut Kohl of Germany, con-fronted by a growing government and economic crisis, yesterday rounded on his junior liberal coalition partner, accusing it of undermining cabinet solidarity and demanding that it toe his line.

The Kohl broadside against the small Free Democrat Party (FDP) came as Bonn bubbled over with speculation that several disen-chanted liberal MPs could break ranks and defect to the opposition Social Democrats. wrecking Dr Kohl's 10-seat majority and forcing early

Rudolf Scharping, the opposition's parliamentary leader. sought to stir the pot of his troubles by offering "guest status" to any liberals contemplating crossing the floor.

The sudden government crisis, 16 months into Dr Kohl's fourth term, has been sparked by the FDP's struggle to survive as a national political force and is being worsened by deepening economic problems that threaten to take Germany, and thus Europe, to the brink of recession

regional elections in March In which it could be drummed out of all but one of Germany's 16 state legislatures. destroying its legitimacy as a coalition partner at federal level and its grip on three

In its desperate attempt to carve out a political profile separate from being seen as the lapdog of Dr Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), the FDP is increasingly critical of government economic poli-

cies, arguing for tax cuts. Threats are no help in this situation." Dr Kohl said in a newspaper interview published yesterday. "And it's even less helpful when some FDP politicians contend that one coalition partner is responsible for tax increases and the other for cuts . . . It is com-pletely senseless for the FDP to run its election campaign

against the CDU." Despite the appeal and Dr Kohl's fury with the rebel-lion, three FDP MPs have

Theo Waigel's next budget un-

CDU plan to boost jobs

CHANCELLOR Kohi's Christian Democrats (CDU) have announced a creation and economic growth after the jobless rate hit a post-war high of

nearly 10 per cent. The CDU general secre-tary, Peter Hintze, said the plan would cut social security contributions and accelerate corporate tax reform. He called for responsible wage deals and praised union proposals to create 300,000 jobs in return for workers accept-ing modest wage rises over three years. — Reuter.

less it includes tax cuts. They said many more would follow suit, causing the government's collapse.

The finance minister has made it clear that he favours early elections should the FDP either leave or be forced out of the coalition. Dr Kohl indirectly suggested yester-day that he agreed.

He ruled out a "grand coalition" with the Social Dem The FDP faces three critical crats, meaning that he would either seek to soldier on as a minority government or arrange for early elections by rigging a lost parliamentary vote of confidence.

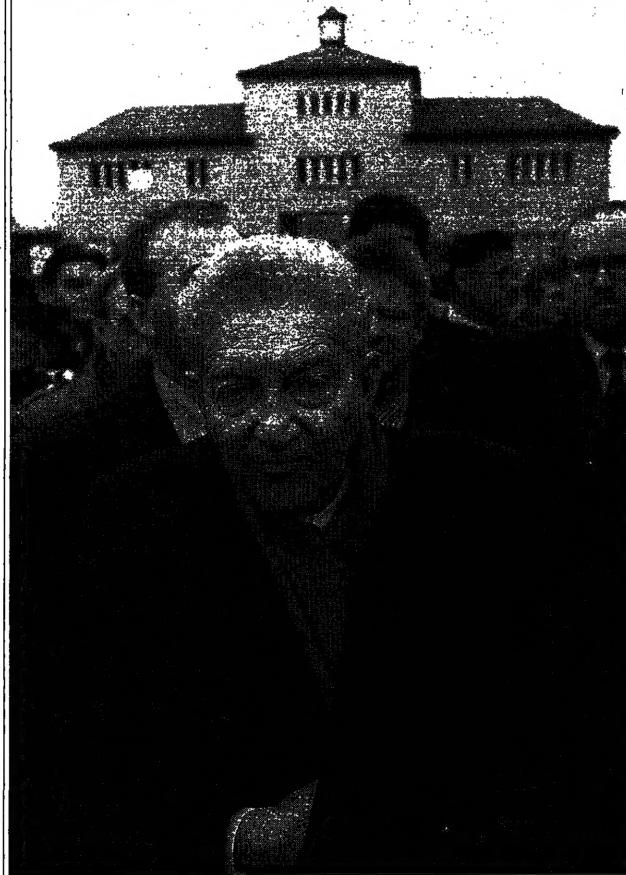
Mr Waigel's scope for tax cuts is limited because of the growing public debt and bud-get deficit, worsening unemployment that is expected soon to cross the psychologi-cally painful 4 million point. falling exports due to an over-valued mark and a general economic outlook of, at best, stagnation.

Despite the intense politick-

ing on all sides, however, it is difficult to see who would benefit from elections called before they are next due in Despite Dr Kohl's problems,

he is riding high in opinion polls and he and Mr Waigel's sister Bavarian party, the CSU, could expect to poll about 45 per cent.

By contrast, new elections could deliver a terminal blow for the FDP, denying them the



With heavy heart . . . The Israeli president, Ezer Weizman, outside Sachsenhausen concentration camp, near Berlin, where he paid tribute to the Jewish victims of Nazism at a start of a four-day state visit to Germany. 'My personal feelings are heavy, and there is a feeling of anger.' he said

Corsican ceasefire 'could | Leaderless Italy set for trigger more killings'

CEASEFIRE deal between the most heavily armed of Corsica's nationalist groups and the French government was attacked yesterday as a naive move which could lead to more killings on the Mediterranean island.

Mainstream politicians sica — where there have been 44 bombings in the past fortnight and 11 murders in the last year — said the government was wrong to strike a deal with only one armed group, ahead of talks which took place at

the weekend. Léon Alessandri, a former nationalist hitman who spent 14 years in jail before founding a peace movement, welcomed the talks the interior minister, Jean-Louis Debré, had with

nationalists. But he said Mr Debre's approach was naive and potentially dangerous beIn 21 years, there have this week.

cause, as a condition for been more than 500 killings talks, the government had and property damage estidemanded a three-month ceasefire by the Historic Wing of the outlawed Corsican National Liberation

Front (FLNC). Mr Alessandri said: "Other nationalist groups on the island now feel the French government gives credence to the FLNC-Historic Wing above all other

actions on the island. The latest troubles began in 1975 when a nationalist group took up arms against language discrimination and "pauperising" policies by mainland France.

Since then, the French government has removed overt discrimination. island parliament. But the status for the island. nationalist movement has splintered into factions. each linked to Mafia can problem would be the

mated at £40 million.

Even though the build-ings attacked in the last two weeks were all symbols of the French state, including a school and an army holiday centre, most bomb-ings involve demands for protection money.

Apart from nationalist calls for the "recognition of | country's latest political critoric Wing above all other calls for the "recognition of the Corsican people as a distinct entity", no group is mistic projections Italy will responsibility for guerrilla any longer demanding independence. independence.

While Corsicans welcomed Mr Debré's talks with representatives of the four groups at the weekend, they were privately sceptical that he could end sion last Thursday - only 12 the killings. One MP said it was un-

poured in large sums of money and recognised an demands for a special tax jority which had kept his non-After the talks, Mr Debré crats in power - against the announced that the Corsisubject of a cabinet meeting | taker administration while It-

'token' EU presidency Since parliament is so di- l ator to see whether a cross John Hooper in Rome

T NOW seems certain that Italy will be unable to pro-vide the European Union with more than token leader ship for much of its six-month presidency. The head of state, Oscar

Luigi Scalfaro, begins talks today aimed at resolving his gap could stretch to May.

The prime minister, Lamberto Dini, who had tendered his resignation at the end of last year, confirmed his decidays after Italy took over the leadership of the EU. He said likely that the government he could no longer count on party government of technoodds - for almost a year.

Mr Dini will head a care-

aly's future is decided.

vided, the only choice appears to be between a return to the polls and an idea first put for ward by the former prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi. This envisages the formation of an all-embracing government of national unity, carrying out institutional reforms. President Scalfaro is loath

to call an election while fundamental issues such as Mr Berlusconi's control of the media remain unresolved. A former Christian Democrat, the head of state has been accused of trying to leave time for the re-emergence of a broad-based party, like the

old Christian Democrats. Mr Berlusconi's idea has won a cautious welcome from Massimo D'Alema, the leader of Italy's main leftwing party. the ex-communist PDS. He told party members they must be open to a "democratic compromise" with Mr Berlusconi

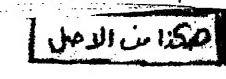
and the centre-right. After a first round of consultations with party leaders and others, President Scalfaro is expected to appoint a medi- review of unification.

party accord is feasible. EU officials last week played down the risk of paralysis in Brussels, saying this would not be the first time a country had held elections during its term of office. But Italy, with its leisurely procedures, is exceptional.

The soundings by the president and his representative are likely to take weeks. Even if they succeed, it will require several more weeks for the new prime minister to choose a cabinet, draft a programme and get it endorsed by both houses of parliament. If the efforts to build a

cross-party administration fail, President Scalfaro will have to call an election. In that event it could well be late April or early May before the EU has effective leadership.

Thankfully, Rome has tabled a modest programme for its six-month tenure. The highlight is the ceremonial launch in Turin on March 29 of the EU's much-vaunted



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Hunger weakens kidnapped Britons

Papua rebels in Indonesia urge bishop to mediate

hostages kidnapped a week ago by separatist guer rillas in Irian Jaya, the Indo nesian part of the island of New Guinea. Their captors have asked for a bishop and three priests to be flown into the jungle to negotiate their

The first reports of the vic tims come two days after Indonesian soldiers freed nine of the 24 captives seized last week in Irian Jaya. All were irianese, from Mapunduma, a village in the Baliem Valley where the kidnapping took place last Monday.

Fifteen hostages are still being held, but no ransom has yet been asked by the Free Papus Movement (OPM), responsibility. Three Scotland Yard detec-

tives have flown to Irian Jaya to help the two British diplo-British embassy spokesman in Jakarta, John Virgoe. refused to detail their Colonel Ivar Heliberg, the

defence attaché, has moved to Wammena, the nearest town

news agency by radio yester-day morning that the health of the 15 remaining hostages was deteriorating. He said they need food and medicine and have been split up to him-der detection by the burded of Indonesian solders search-

ing for them.

For the first few days, he said, the hostages had been marched through thick jurgle with their hands bound. They are being held in an area 9,000ft above sea level, where the temperature is only just above freezing.

In addition to the Britons -William Oates, Daniel Start. Annette van der Kolk and Ana McIvor - those held are the World Wide Fund for Nature researchers Frank Momberg and Mark van der Wal, from a Dutch worker of the United Nations Educational. Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), Martha Klein, and eight Indonesians.

Yesterday, an OPM spokesman said his organisation sought international attention for its cause. The OPM dependence since 1963, when Indonesia was ceded the province in a United Nations-spon-

Kailik Awalik, the rebel

One freed hostage, Yacobus | Catholic Bishop Munninghoff Wandiba, told the Antara | and three priests to be flown to him to negotiate an end to the crisis. But an Indonesian military source said armed forces in the area, jointly led by President Suharto's son-inlaw. Brigadier-General Prabowo Subianto, would not negotiate with the OPM be-cause kidnapping was a crim-

Graham Burton, Britain's ambassador to Indonesia. favours a peaceful settlement essential thing is to negotiate

resort to military methods. hostages were found by sol-diers in the village of Jiji, 25 where they were seized, ac itary spokesman. Brigadier General Suwarno Adiwijoyo other sources said they were found tied up, 9.850ft above sea level, after their captors had fled.

Brig Gen Suwarno said "The first information we had said all 11 residents of Mapunduma village had been released but later two others

cials, health workers and a primary school teacher. The remaining hostages were con-



As booming Beijing reaches for the sky, its maze-like old quarters are being swept away, writes Rone Tempest

scholar George Kates in his memoirs of life in Beljing be-"possesses both by day and night a well of light, which the seasons endlessly fill with incalculable riches."

It was an era before Chairman Mao Zedong and the emerging workers' state brought concrete monoliths to the city, before its ancient walls were demolished to make way for a ringroad, before office towers and neon signs rose in celebration of of market capitalism.

It was the age of the hutongs — mazes of narrow lanes and walled courtyard houses which gave Beijing its unique and human-scale

Today a huge urban

renewal programme, spurred by escalating land prices that reach £360 a square foot in central Beijing, the hutougs are disappearing almost as fast as buildozers can reach them. Large swaths of old Beijing look like a war zone. Wang Zonghai, aged 74, lived with his family for 50 years in the Ju'er hutong in his little house is the only one courtyard which once housed

nese courtyard, wrote "But we were accustomed to the eccentric American living here. The market was living here. The market was

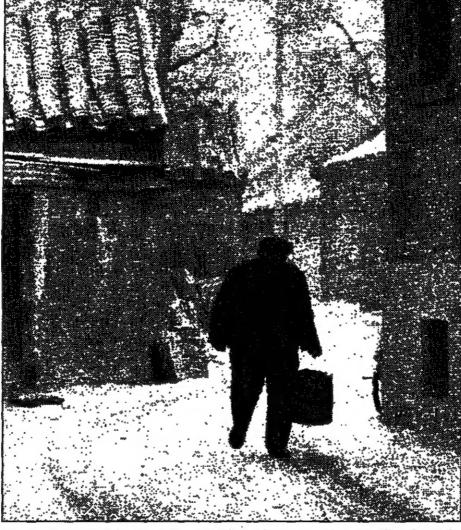
> dizzv.' . At least two-thirds of the city's old residential areas have already been levelled or are awaiting their turn, a cir-cled chal — the Chinese character signifying "to be demolished" - painted in white on their walls.

The residents have no title to their land, and therefore no choice about moving Legal residents are offered new housing, usually miles away in the outer suburbs. The have no legal status, get

Nevertheless there is little opposition, except from a few tuals. Most people are more than happy to give up their overcrowded, dilapidated hu-tong housing for a new flat,

City planners say that when the latest phase of ur-ban renewal is complete only three small areas of hutong east of the imperial lakes and one on the nearer side, just beyond the Zhongnanhai compound for Communist

"The facilities of the new a professor of architecture at | The social upheaval of the longs the hutongs are gone.



hopeless." Opinious differ on what the end of the hutongs means for Beljing. Some welcome it as a sign of progress. Others condemn it as the assassination

In fact they have been disappearing for a long time, suf-Party leaders — amounting to about three quarters of a square mile.

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Their fate was essentially sealed when the Qing Dynasty collapsed in 1911, expelling the mainly Manchu families that occupied them.

Qinghua University. "For the | Cultural Revolution between cal damage and refugee influx caused by the devastating 1976 Tangshan earthquake, hastened their demise. The final straw has been China's unprecedented economic growth in the past 15 years, which has made inner-city land too valuable for singlestorey houses with gardens

four Ogoni chiefs. The Confederation of Afri-

can Football gave Gen Aba-cha until kick-off on Satur-

day to change his mind. He refused, despite the

pleas of fallow generals, business leaders and foot-

ballers - all left to watch

South Africa beat Camer-

oon at the start of three

weeks of competition with-

out the reigning champions. Nigeria — ranked fifth in

and trees.

No more will be heard the itinerant alley hawkers: the prune-juice seller clicking his interlocking brass cups. the needle and thread man with his little drum, the blind fortune-teller with his gong, and the knife and scissor sharp ener with his overlapping metal plates. The secret forest — jujube, willow, poplar, persimmon and cypress - will

be gone. And the world's most horizontal city, where buildings could never be higher than the emperor's throne, will

Mexico massacre arrests ignore top-level suspects

Phil Gunson in Mexico City

high-ranking officials of the Mexican state of Guerrero has failed to satisfy human rights organisations demanding the identification and prosecution of more senior figures allegedly be-hind the massacre of 17 unarmed peasants on June 28

last year. Clarification of the role played by Governor Rubén Figueroa is being demanded. The four officials being held include the former director of the Guerraro interior minis try and the former operations director for public security Their arrest, and that of 20 members of the state police, was ordered last week by the special prosecutor, Alejandro

The four were among those after the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) concluded in August that the authorities had engaged in a cover-up, that weapons had been planted on the bodies peasants had been summarily executed.

The CNDH chairman, Jorge Madrazo — a presidential ap-pointee — pointed out that

the list of officials mentioned | in the commission's 360-page report "is much more extenare others who are implicated but who have not been ar-rested as the CNDH recommended."

The most senior officials mentioned in the CNDH report are the then interior secretary of Guarrero, José Rubén Robles Catalán, and the then state attorney-gen-eral, Antonio Alcocer.

Mr Alcocer was dismissed and Mr Robles Catalán was suspended, but neither has arrested. The CNDH tivity with a campaign of roduced no evidence that Mr Figueroa had broken the law, but the opposition Party of the Democratic Revolution mental human rights groups have blamed him and called

for his resignation.

Many of the massacre victims were members of the Peasant Organisation of the Southern Sierra (OCSS), who were on their way to a demonstration the governor wanted

to prevent. Mr Varela, however, said there was still no clear indication of who - if anyone had ordered the killings, Law-

Since the publication of the CNDH report, attention has Mario Arturo Acosta Chaparro, now a general in the say was at the scene of the massacre.

named the "Mexican Rambo" was in charge of internal se 1970s, when the father of the ernor and also called Ruben

— responded to guerrilla ac-

Hundreds of prisoners who "disappeared" at that time have never been accounted

The army has denied that Gen Acosta was involved in last year's massacre, saying he was "on holiday" in Guermounting for the general to be called to give evidence.

News of the arrests was welcomed cautiously by interorganisations. However, Joel Solomon of Human Rights Watch/Americas was among those arguing that much more needs to be done to cials argue that the police eradicate of who fired on the peasants Guerrero. eradicate official impunity in

News in brief

Bahraini exiles fear expulsion

A London-based opposition group said yesterday it fears the Bahraini government is asking Britain to deport people seeking asylum in London from this small island

The Bahrain Freedom Move-ment said high-ranking offi-cials from both countries met in London on Saturday.—AP. Dying shame

Shigeo Nishimura, the fop investigator into a cover-up of Japan's worst nuclear acci-dent, killed himself out of shame and fear of failure, police and media reports said yesterday. — Reuter. Call-up in Sudan

Sudan's eastern Gaderif state

has declared a general mobili-sation to confront attacks from Ethiopian troops, the official Suna news agency said yesterday. — Reuter. Japanese in space Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata gently hoisted a Nasa satellite from the space shut-

tle's payload bay early yester-day and released it into Earth orbit. - Reuter.

Rabin charges

Yitzak Rabin's confessed assassin, Yigal Amir, and two other religious Jews were formally charged yesterday in a Tel Aviv court with conspir ing to murder the prime minister. Meanwhile, Israel yes terday appointed Rear Admiral Ami Ayalon, aged 50, as new head of the Shin Bet

security service. - Reuter. **Funny money**

baller Ernest Agu. "But The US has launched a publicity drive, complete with tele phone hotline, to convince sceptical Russians that newlook \$100 bills are genuine and will not render old notes worthless. - Reuter.

"Boost your Metabolism ...and Lose Weight"

By Patrick Holford

Most slimmers know the fastest way to lose weight is dieting. But then, as soon as they stop dieting, back come the pounds often more than they lost in the first place.

That's why dieting is not enough
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Abacha's order not to defend the African title could backfire in this football-mad country, Cindy Shiner in Lagos writes

classrooms. For others. like Bashua Oyekanmi, they are made at the Ijola

Crossway Bridge.
For a couple of hours every day before the sun sets he and about a dozen other youths kick off their rubber flip-flops and gather | pride and motivation.

OR some Nigerians by the noisy concrete span.

dreams are made in Two sticks worm shiny from use are wedged into the ground at each end. Then they play football It's a national pastime, an inunder military rule where little can be relied on these days other than individual

even women — don't think they are doing the

wrong thing. And as we in the West get more

covetous of business opportunities, we are

less inclined to get them to take action.

ego and ignorance in an at-

by the military ruler, Gen-eral Sani Abacha, to let the team play in the African Nations' Cup finals that started in South Africa at the weekend could set football in Nigeria back years. Gen Abacha cited secu-rity threats to the team, but many Nigerians believe his decision was motivated by tempt to hit back at Presi-dent Nelson Mandela for his criticism of the regime on a sandy patch of ground | Members of the national | after minority rights leader

the world in 1994 - face a possible six-year ban from African football and could be barred from the World Cup and the Olympics. The ban, the sanctions will just cut on the youth The awful thing is that so deep are the values footballers who have yet to grow," said Oyekanmi. "I feel very sad." that underpin these customs, most people -

Nigerians begin playing football almost from the time they are able to walk. If they don't have a rubber ball they fashion one from rags. They play in the street, under expressways

and in car parks. Youths even organise with it. their own mini Nations Cup during the tournament, Media, G2 page 7

team, the Super Eagles, en-loy here status. The popu-lar fear is that the refusal vember for the killings of For some, football means an escape from poverty. Ni-gerian players with Euro-pean clubs earn between £10,000 and £30,000 a month. But money and poli-tics have dirtied the game under Gen Abacha, a foot-ball lover himself.

> tested at being ordered to boycott the finals, but after being invited to the presidential villa, they each emerged £6,500 wealthier and more in tune with the government's reasoning. But boycotting the Nations Cup may be Gen

At first the players pro-

Abacha's most serious political blunder since he seized power two years ago. The hanging of Saro-Wiwa shocked Nigerians. Taking away football has broken their hearts. "[Saro-Wiwa] is just one

man, though he matters a lot," said amateur footfootball, oh man, every little boy, every baby, they are crazy with it. They live

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Scargill's end, Blair's triumph

Labour is glad to see him go

ARTHUR Scargill is a man of historic importance, though not for the reasons that he appears to imagine. He believes that he and the National Union of Mineworkers have stood true to the good old cause while all around them have sold out. Most of the rest of us believe that he has been a disaster, hastening the defeat of causes which he genuinely holds dear because of his tragically rigid obsessions and inflexible political style. Yet even today, when both Mr Scargill and the NUM are shadows of what they once were, he commands a sort of grudging attention. What he has to say on our pages this morning about the reasons why he has left the Labour Party will be read by many more people than will ever agree with it. No one with a sense of our history can be indifferent to the epic rise and epic fall of the industries, communities, causes and world views which the NUM leader still defiantly embraces.

Mr Scargill's break with Labour is an emblematic moment of great resonance. By and large, leftwing members of the Labour Party are not quitters. For most of this century the left struggled to join the Labour Party, even when Labour — with bans and proscrip-tions aimed mainly at Communists and fellow-travellers - tried its damnedest to keep them out Mr Scargill's departure marks a change in that tide. In contrast with the Trotskyist entryists of the 1970s and 1980s who had to be prised out of the party at enormous expense, Mr Scargill and whoever follows him have simply gone because the party has become intolerable to them. There is a certain debased historical symmetry to this process: the then mighty miners' union was among the last to join the old Labour Party in 1918, whereas the leader of the little of what now remains of the union is among the first to quit.

Mr Scargill's departure is without question Tony Blair's triumph. The Labour leader has achieved, without really trying, what Neil Kinnock would have sacrificed almost anything to do. It is a windfall beyond the dreams of even the most right-wing of his advisers. But it is a testament to the radicalism of the Blair revolution that the man who could bring the Labour Party conference to its feet a decade ago should now walk out with so few supporters and so little fight. It is even more of a tribute to Mr Blair that, ten years on, the overwhelming majority of Labour members and supporters are actually glad to see Mr Scargill go. Labour will now seem an even more attractive party to the

electorate than before. Mr Scargill's party is a doomed project. Its agenda is narrow and dogmatic, its organisation on the ground is weak, and its electoral chances are nullified not just by lack of support but by a first-past-the-post system under which no non-nationalist party has defeated Labour from the left in a single parliamentary seat since 1950. This is not to say that it will be without interested wellwishers or even, at some distant future stage, electoral influence, especially if it manages to mobilise the undoubted red-green stratum in British politics. But don't count on that. There is no doubt that if Britain had a proportional representation system the green left might do moderately well, as it has elsewhere in Europe, though there are many differences between the | a total of approximately 84,000. situations there and here. But it is unbelievable that the creation of a party led by Mr Scargill will make PR more attractive to a sceptical Labour leadership than before and it is hard to see so sectarian a figure as Mr Scargill as the natural leader of such a red-green coalition. Ironically most people who would like to join a left-of-Labour party led by Mr Scargill at the moment are Trotskyists whom Mr Scargill and his legal advisers are determined to exclude.

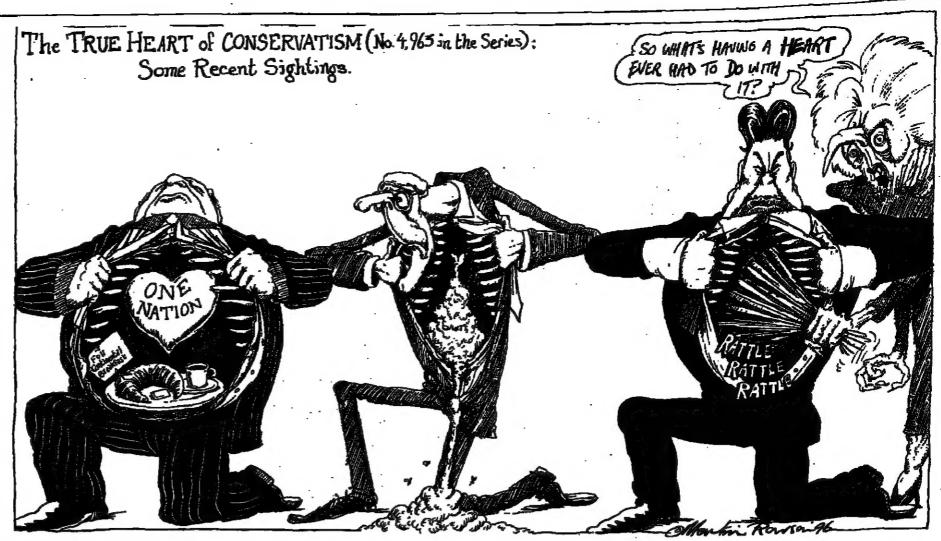
The reality is that the left, even though weak remains mostly as committed as ever to remaining within the Labour Party. Mr Scargill's revolutionary syndicalism is untypical, especially of the post-1968 left. This left expects to prosper not weaken under a Labour government, particularly if and when a Blair government embarks on policies which are strongly opposed within the unions. Experience, and some growing evidence, suggests that this could happen.

Taxes up by £736bn But would Labour have done better?

THE TAX statistics released yesterday by the Labour MP Hugh Bayley aren't new, but they tell an intriguing tale. He asked the — independent — House of Commons Library to calculate how much "extra" tax revenue had accrued since 1979 both in absolute terms and if it were assumed that the proportion of gross domestic product taken in tax had remained the same as in 1978/79. This is a perfectly fair question. After all the Conservatives came into power in 1979 with a strong tax cutting agenda. They inherited from Labour a tax burden amounting to 34.3 per cent of GDP. This accelerated to a peak of 39.6 per cent in 1984/85 and has since fallen to

This represents a cumulative rise in taxes (at 1994/ 1995 prices) of £735.8 billion. As John Major might say. that is somewhat of a large figure, especially for a party pledged to cut taxes. But we all know that most taxes rise as the economy expands. So a better measure would be to compare what has happened as a percentage of GDP. The Bayley figures show that if the Government had merely frozen taxation (as a percentage of GDP) at what was bequeathed by the last Labour administration we would have saved an amazing £265 billion. The figures actually understate the Government's failure to deliver its tax promises because during this period they raised well over £100 billion through the sale of assets like nationalised companies and council houses and for most of the duration of the 1980s enjoyed bonanza oil taxes and royalties from the North Sea. Without these windfall revenues the Conservatives would have had to raise taxes even more to achieve the same fiscal

It was a good wheeze to dig up these figures and then ask the House of Commons Library to do some calculations to illustrate the depth of the Government's failure. But there is a danger that this could rebound on Labour. After all if a Government pledged to reduce public spending at all costs and which was prepared to sell everything that Government owned to achieve this end could still not reduce the burden of taxation then what chance would a Labour Government have had in similar circumstances?



Letters to the Editor

Health warning: do not get ill

patient into an acute casualty or admissions ward is now a major danger in life (Health Service faces lethal cocktail of problems, BMA chairman warns, January 12) and the population should know this. Vast numbers of beds have been closed so early discharge and relapse of illness are common; staff hours have been reduced so that hours of wait-ing to be seen has become the norm; patients remain in inappropriate admissions and

asualty wards for days. Only yesterday I saw a young man with a serious blood clot in his leg who had been lying on a trolley for 19 hours with a heparin pump in a small cubicle in the orthoedic minor injuries clinic, paedic minor injuries clinic, which was in session. There was not enough room for me and my staff in that area. It is impossible to do other than "policing" medicine rather than the thoughtful, time-consuming medicine

A word on water

OFWAT'S criticism of water company's connec-

tion charges gave only a gen-eral view of the industry's po-cition. Over the lest three and

a half years, Ofwat has made

just 10 determinations against

Thames Water about the cost

of the service we provide, over

Every effort has been made to

ensure that the price fairly

reflects the actual cost of

Managing Director, Thames

Nugent House, Vastern Road, Reading

HILE working as a social

WHILE working as a social worker in a London borough, (Mind your speak, January 10) I received this report from a colleague: "so it

now seems indicated that this

chronically dysfunctional family are about to enter a stage where their coping strat-

egy will be through the per-

suance of an ongoing situa-tional situation." Asked what he was talking about, he even-nually reduced this to: "This chaotic lot can only get by by

making the same mistakes

over, and over again.' Bob Wylie.

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doing the work.
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good quality treatment. For God's sake, do not get

ill just before a four-day pub-lic holiday weekend, for there will be minimal continuity of care as patients are handed from one duty team to an-other — or as frequently happens, forgotten. (Prof) J D Ward. Consultant Physician, Royal Hallamshire Hospital,

HAVE recently conducted a survey of ICUs in the North Thames area and the informa-tion provided is disturbing. In 24 ICUs, there are a total of 203 beds, but currently only 161 are funded.

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Some of these 161 beds have to be closed from time to time because of shortage of trained nurses. My consultant colleagues work a combined weekly total of 233 sessions (half-days) of which only 204 means — among other things are funded. They feel that 313 — not keeping unused wards

non-existence, how do we

reconcile this with the Bud-dhist (and Jain) belief that

non-existence (Nirvana) is the

utimate good (Hell not so hot, says C of E, January 11)?

Can one religion's heaven really be another religion's hell? I only ask.

VOU quote the Dean of Lichfield as saying that the new Church of England

report on hell is an attempt to clear away Victorian ideas and get back to the under-standings of the early church.

This is a little unfair, as it

was in the Victorian period

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Ian Gowans.

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F CURRENT Church of Eng. | ster" were first seriously land thinking is that hell is | questioned.

EO BE taken as an ill necessary to provide thor sessions are the minimum patient into an acute ough assessment leading to required. required. Frequently, when a patient suffers disastrous complica-tion, there is no ICU bed available in their own hospi-tal. Very sick patients are bundled into ambulances and transferred many miles. Over the past few months, the ICUs I work on have accepted patients from all over the North Thames region, and others from well outside

> (Dr) J Coakley. Chairman, Speciality Training Committee in Intensive Therapy, 62 North Road

THE current crisis of bed, nurse and doctor shortage comes as no surprise. No com mercial business (and that is what the NHS now is) can afford not to utilise its facilities to maximum efficiency, which in the case of the NHS

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you can threaten them with." Both dedicated their books to

ing away their ideas.

Revd Roger Tomes.

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and beds available for emer basis, nurse and doctor care can be stretched to cover unexpected demand, but patients can't even be admit-ted if there aren't any beds, and that's the situation that now exists for the first time in 47 years, and not just in acci-

the transfer of geriatric pa-tients into the private sector and community care, and has not slowed down as the devel-opment of less intrusive surgery has allowed day-care to replace in-care. John W Wood. 16a Marlaborough Road,

S it the intention of this government to overthrow

the NHS through a bloodless Christine Forbes

Bridge Road, London W6 9DA.

Staking a claim

WE TRUST that Tony Blair's vision of a stakeholder society is one in which all will have a stake sufficient (Comment Page, January 9), particularly when they are too old to work.

Surely he must turn this into a commitment to give today's pensioners a real stake in society — which means a level of pension which will provide comfort

They should have this undertaking from Labour now. If you are going to give them the stake they have earned in blood, sweat and tears of a long life. Our current state pension is certainly

not a stake in society. It is a

conceptions".

F D Maurice maintained stake in poverty.

Tony has also apparently expressed interest in the Sin-"All men, whatever they may fancy, are more appalled at the thoughts of being friendless, homeless, fatherless, gapore Central Provident Fund as a means of attaining acceptable levels of income throughout life. It is our view that our own National Insurance schemes, properly funded, along with Serps as Tennyson, "the poet of the larger hope".

I think the Church of Engoriginally intended can provide proper provision for all in retirement.

land is catching up with the Victorians rather than clear-Jack Jones. President, National ensions Convention, 74 Ruskin Park House, Champion Hill, London SE5 8TH.

As far as we are concerned, the lady's not for returning

SO THE problem is that the Such issues as a common defence policy could have helped resolve the Bosnian crisis, Oconservative government is not right-wing enough (Thatcher opens Tory wounds, January 12). That the present lot — the B team — are squan-dering our taxes on education, health and social workers. while selling us out to the European super-state.

dent and emergency.

The process of bed and to the right" like it needs a ward closure accelerated with the transfer of certainty and the transfer of certai Margaret Thatcher was de-posed by her own people in 1990 was not because of a lack of nerve amongst Tory MPs: it was because, after governing us for 11 years, Thatcherism

was as popular as measles. Thatcherism mark two would mean: out of Europe, banning unions, abolition of local government, the state pension and income tax. Maybe even a small war. Paul Richards. 109 Hammersmith

FIND Mrs Thatcher's attitude to the European issue offensive and divisive. She lived through the terrible war years and yet has formed no division. vision for a European future, and retreats toward the com-

fortable station of nationhood.

without relying on the Ameri-

cans or Nato.
The Conservative Party reminds me of the Roman god Janus, there are two heads in opposition. Just which head leads the party invites

question. Count Glaise Von Horstenau-Thurzo. Marienburg Schloss, Turgu-Mures, Romania.

THATCHER seems determined to do for the Tory Party what Arthur Scargill has done for the NUM.

D Buckley. 13 Victoria Avenue. Knaresborough. North Yorks HG5 9EU.

THERE is only one thing to add. Rejoice, rejoice, we are a has-been. Hugh Innocent. 9 Monks Horton Way, St Albans, Herts AL1 4HA.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone numb ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot She failed to appreciate that acknowledge those not used.

A Country Diary

BEESTON REGIS, Norfolk: I "waxy" tips to some of the remember how they looked back in the autumn sunlight distinctive feature is the crest. gorgeous clusters so dense they made the hawthorn bushes glow a brilliant crimson. However, in the January drizzle and after months of standing on the trees, the ber-ries looked the colour of con-gealed blood and about as appetising. Not that it seemed to trouble the waxwings. These birds of the high taiga, breeding mainly beyond latitude 60° north, are irregular winter visitors to Britain, their unpredictable arrival linked to the failure of food supplies further north. Traditionally they were harbingers of bad weather, although I suspect nowadays that most people with an interest in wildlife would be prepared to take the risk, if it meant they could see one. They are stunning creatures: a rich warm cinnamon colour with a dramatic facial mask and a tail that looks to have been dipped in yellow gloss paint. Their name derives from the crimson

A friend mischievously suggested that it looks like the hair-do of American boxing promoter, Don King, but perhaps a more complimentary comparison would be with a bishop's mitre - a huge column rising off the bird's forehead which, when fully erect, is almost equal in height to the whole head and neck. Their other outstanding tite. A bird can eat two to three times its own weight in fruit a day. At the chest of one individual we could actually see the irregular bulge of the berries filling its crop. With its breast and back all puffed out, it looked less like a bird than a ball with a conical hat on. Waxwings seem to be turn-ing up all over East Anglia and I'm hoping that last year's phenomenal berry crop will satisfy that massive appetite and hold them here for a few weeks longer.

MARK COCKER

Tomorrow belongs to the class of '96

Endpiece

Roy Hatterslev

T FIRST, only the title interested me. Our Friends In the North must, I felt sure, be a quotation from Shakespeare and my guess was that it came from one of the Henrys. The rhythm is wrong. But blood-stained messengers. panting from bended knee, often forgot that they were supposed to speak in iambics. You know the sort of thing. What news of our Lord Percy?" asked the king. Your Grace, he even now loes battle with our friends in the north." All that can be said in criticism of my brilliant literary detection is that | with advantages the feats I did it is wrong. My lumbago is that day. But when I heard the too painful to allow me to lift repetition of that old and genthe concordance down from its shelf. So I have not quite | the first time in years the emogiven up hope. But I cannot

sode of the new series is the background noise.

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It believed it because, in our of their youth, And this is not is reminded of the Sermon on the economic consequences.

ily - cynical father, apathetic mother and idealistic son squabble about the imporance of politics as they listen to the results of the 1964 general election. From time to time, their disagreements become so passionate that it is impossible to hear the news that comes out of the flickering black and white television set. But even the most violent arguments are interrupted by sudden moments of silence. Later tonight, as the Hutchin-sons pause for breath, you will hear the commentator announce: "Leslie Seymour has lost Sparkbrook". Indeed he did And I won it. That victory was one of the turning points in my life. So I think of it quite erally forgotten fact, I felt for tions of 1964. On the night that given up hope. But I cannot find the phrase within the collected works. Anyway, to me what is really important about tonight's opening epi-

different ways, we were all the place to discuss why the revolutionaries — my sort of old ideals are being abanunrepentant Gaitskellites doned. Books are being writbarely less than the Koni Zilliacuses, the William Warbeys and all the other self-ap-pointed leaders of the left. In those days, Labour's hope was to do more than change the Government, incompetent, brutal and corrupt though (in proper opposition style) we knew it to be. We all wanted to change the nature of society. The arguments were about speed, not direction. Rence the contemptuous way in which some of us were dismissed as "gradualists". Nobody suggested that we were not all searching for the same Jerusalem. Although there were disagreements about the role of the market, the need for collective security and the necessity of coming together within Europe, we all wanted a fundamentally different pattern of ownership and a radi-

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ten on the subject. I may write

one myself. So today I offer no

more than a few random thoughts — the first of which

the change has come about

dreams into reality

neither because of Soviet communism's welcome failure nor because the country has been permanently seduced by selfishness dressed up to look like a theory of economic growth. I am equally sceptical about the fashionable view that the passage of time has automatically made the beliefs of 1964 unacceptable. Perhaps the

The notion that convictions

wear out has led the Labour leadership into all sorts of silly mistakes. Last Saturday night, "a spokesman" dis-missed Arthur Scargill's new political party as the relic of a bygone age. It should have been denounced for worshipping false gods. To me - a veteran of ideo-

logical politics - the interesting comparison between now and 1964 concerns the psychology of the young men and women who, like the wrinkled and raddled survivors of 32 years ago, will win the marginal seats and make the government. I do not suggest that they are any less idealistic than we were or that they have fewer beliefs and convictions. But it does seem to me that the principles on which they build their political lives are not the sort of aspirations which encourage people to

is reminded of the Sermon on the economic consequences which follow high taxation and public expenditure cannot possess. Perhaps we ought to be glad that, these days, most canvassing is done by

So. I have ended up with another of my articles written in praise of New Labour - the willingness to face hard issues, the courage to take tough decisions and the capacity to accept the world as it is. Perhaps our mistake, all those years ago, was to go on thinking of the world as it ought to be. The other great difference between then and now is that we, the men and women of 1964, lost more often than we won. The men and women of 1996 will fulfil politics first requirements. They are going to win the power that makes it possible - if they so choose - to turn dreams into reality. When, 30 years on someone reminds them of the magic moment I

they but taged, signed, and built a new village. There were woods: they cut them down. There was no irrigation: they dug ca-nals and ditches. There was no electricity or gas: they scraped together the roubles they earned as workers on what was then a collective farm and paid for connection. Each of them contributed 10 roubles towards the bribe needed to get the authorities to build a road.

Even the latest troubles would not have been enough, by themselves, to get the people of Sovietskoye down. They do not expect compensation from anyone for the damage the sian tanks are doing to their fields as they ma-nocuver round the Chechen-held village of Pervomaiskoye a mile away. They do not even want compensation from the journalists who have filled their parlours with video-editing suites, satellite phones and stale breadcrumbs. But one thing has set the villagers stiff upper lips seriously adroop: the disappearance of the women, evacuated with the children on

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eonesnay. Barely had the last wife and daughter bade farewell when the men of Sovietskoye, Muslims all, reached out for their last remaining hope of comfort and nourishment: the bottle. Within hours the manhood of Sovietskoye was reduced to a wobbling, double-vision, suffocatingly benign collection of drunks.

Sovietskoye is not an attractive settlement. There are three alternating group conditions: mud, ice and dust. Geese and mongrel dogs battle for territory be tween the haystacks on the unpayed streets. But the cosy inside: they spent their time in and out of the kitchen, drawing water, washing, cleaning, keeping the men supplied with end-

The food in particular presented the drunken womeniess men of the vil-lage with a dilemma. Others without culinary skills might have chosen to fry up an omlette or make some toast but the men of Sovietskoye only know how to cook one thing - a whole slaughtered sheep.

A CCORDINGLY, as night fell, a struggling sheep was dragged into the yard of Zakhar Zagalov's two-storey home -the most prominent house in the village, since Zakbar Zagalov is by his own admis sion a member of the bourgeoisie — and swiftly despatched on the doorstep, the blood running down to mingle with the snow and

All that night the men of Sovietskoye caroused to the accompaniment of the sheep being skinned, butchered and boiled in the hall. They slept briefly in the morning only to rise with the cock crow and the first flight of helicopter gunships and begin again with champagne. Polite su-quiries began to be voiced about the availability of fe-male journalists. A copy of the Russian edition of Play-

boy began to circulate.
After about 48 hours a degree of sobriety re-emerged. But without the women there is no laundry. no sweeping up, no ingenions ekeing out of winter food stores. Little is left for the men but to assemble in gloomy for hatted huddles on the edge of the field where the Russian posi-tions are and watch their apparently motiveless rede

ployments in the mud.
They feel sorry for the Russian conscripts out there: at least the big gas stoves in the homes of So-vietskoye keep the villagers warm. The soldiers can only run their armoured-vehicles' engines through the night and chop up old ammunition crates for firewood. They are also men without women: their moth ers, in this case. They miss home cooking. And Zakhar. Zagalov only has 99 sheep left.

YOU CAN'T HAVE SOMEHOLDER



Dealers in a currency of tarnished dreams

Commentary Mark

Lawson

HE GAME of footh has often been tempo by simile and mephor — "sick as a prot" and "over the moo' being perhaps the most faous examples of these verifi forms - and the sport itself very tempting as a metaphe not least because here something at which Englar used to be rather good ar now is not. Soccer illiterate need not send themselves o at this point, for this is not column about football, an more than what is happenin

ficially gives — external pres cibility must be sustained in sure from the cumbersome public. This problem is likely legal struggles resulting from to have heads nodding in top his business difficulties — offices outside the game, al-Terry Venables has in esthough Venables has at least sence come to the conclusion been spared the problem of that what was once unargu-Sir Alf Ramsey delivering a ably one of the dream jobs of bobby Moore Memorial Leccontemporary culture is not ture about how the policies he worth the trouble. This is not followed during the 1966 an isolated realisation, for World Cup remain the right General Colin Powell and ones for England. Equally, an-

other potential runners other factor in Venables's resrecently came to much the same conclusion about the same conclusion about the American presidency, while the current holders of other covered positions — the British prime minister, the heir to the British throne and his complete. own heir - can be assumed to have entertained frequent doubts about what was so vital about their title. It is the age of the poisoned chalice.

The first way in which the story reflects events elsewhere is that it is hard to be England manager now — as it is tough to hold national posts beyond soccer — because beyond soccer — because people refuse to face up to the realities of the country's status. The story has moved on to other shores, diminishing English influence and challenging its abilities. The international soccer authorities are authorities are authorities are authorities are authorities. ties are currently considering the possibility of widening the goalposts, in order to make the game more exciting, but the only real hope for to Terry Venables is primar but the only real hope for ily about football. The story of future England managers the England manager is a per fect analogy for many modern quandaries.

The story of the target routinely to be shrunk at our end quandaries. Whatever the reasons he of Yet the myth of global invin-

ignation seems to have been ignation seems to have been the haverings and vagueness of his employers, the Football Association, in support of him. This phenomenon too of scierotic structures, slowed down by old men caught between amateurism and public school values and the de-mands of a new commercial environment — is not confined in this country to sport.

The second essential element of this contemporary morality tale is the atte of the press. It would be wrong to say that Venables has had all the newspapers against him in recent weeks — the Daily Mirror played striker, while the Daily Mail and The Sun turned out for the defence — but the England manager became the latest tug-of-love victim of a newspaper circulation was in newspaper circulation war, in which, in a media cup-tie at-mosphere, every defence was merely the provocation for another attack. Alarm is raised about a "stalker", who follows Princess Anne to public appearances, but every public figure these days has a pack of stalkers, well-paid vagrants mainly with docklands

What Venables experienced was the most worrying fea-ture of modern journalism: a lack of discrimination about the ammunition used. He found himself attacked not for actions in the honoured office he occupied, but for misdeeds allegedly occurring in a previous time; a difficulty with vision with questionable Europe

limitations, is starkly illus-trated by the latest Royal Marriage Scandal — "Was Philip Unfaithful?", howls the Daily Mail after reading lu-bricious extracts from a new biography in the Times — which turns out to relate to events more than 40 years ago in the life of a couple married for nearly 50 and who, unlike their children, must be thought rather unlikely to thon given for the earlier in-trusions. The media keep wid-ening the goalposts. Venables probably did well to get out before the Mirror got into the question of whether his mumand dad ever came close to breaking off their

engagement.
Tabloid apologists will say that there is no chase without a scent and that Venables

Every public figure these days has a pack of stalkers, well-paid vagrants with docklands addresses

wears sniseed pants. This is slightly unconvincing be-cause, of Venables' two immsdiate predecessors. Bobby Robson was pilloried over sex and Graham Taylor over results, suggesting that this has become a target practice chair, whoever sits in it.

Even so, it must be acknowledged that the England manager's tangles are unlikely to be entirely invention and innuendo. And here lies the second emblematic fea-ture of the case. In combining

haps beyond his expertise— is equally symbolic of a mod-ern problem.

Not content with being him-self, Jeffrey Archer also wants to be John Major, just as Andrew Neil wants to be Rupert Murdoch plus Walter Cronkite, while Andrew Lloyd-Webber seeks to be both Binky Beaumont and Lord Beaverbrook. Some have accused Venables of have accused Venables of wanting to be Richard Branson, but, these days, even Richard Branson isn't happy with merely being Richard Branson, restlessly declining to specialise in any single business, while risking his life and empire on a circumnavigation of the world by balloon. The desire to have it all is supposed to have been the feminist chimera of the 1990s, but it seems to be a male curse in the 1990s.

male curse in the 1990s. But the final moral of this sega is that all of those most qualified to replace Venables — particularly Kevin Keegan and Gerry Francis — seem likely to refuse the lob. Perhaps, automatic cynics as we are now required to be, we should see these protestations as mere tactics. The other exas mere factics. The other ex-planation, though, is that, here in the age of the poi-soned chalice, we had better get used to refusals. Cer-tainly, in the next few years, there will be many Kevin Kee-gans in politics, in this country and elsewhere, and

people who contemplate the jobs of their boyhood dreams and decide not to bother. So the Venables story is not just about football, a final, striking comparison being that, like English soccer fans, the Conservative Party tends to fight when allowed near

which President Clinton, fighting Whitewater, might sympathise.

This abandonment of context, the refusal of a statute of limitations, is starkly illustrated by the latest Royal Memican Sensible Sensib played with real tanks



Paul Foot

WHE FOREIGN OFFICE spokesman got very cross with me when I asked about last week's amazing revelation that Andrew Green. Under Secretary at the Foreign Office in charge of the Middle East, is a director of Vickers Military Systems. "Vickers Military Systems," he exploded, "make main battle tanks. The only countries in the world which are buying main battle tanks are in the Middle East. So it's not surprising that Mr Green should want to improve on his experience in the region by becoming a non-executive director." The only word I gans in politics, in this can't agree with there is country and elsewhere, and in other areas of life which come under media scrutiny; and the department of state, the more outrageous is the

involvement of senior civil servants in that company's affairs. Roger Freeman writes to the Financial Times to remind us that the practice of "seconding" civil servants on to the boards of top compa-nies dates back many years. Margaret Thatcher despised most civil servants for their lack of enterprise culture, so she kept shoving them into private companies to see how to get things done. I remem-ber, for instance, one able and compassionate civil servant from the Department of Social Security being "seconded" to Mirror Group Newspapers. He looked on in horror as Robert Maxwell vindicated the assessment by govern-ment inspectors 15 years ear-lier that he was unfit to run a

public company.

For years, those of us who argued that the machinery of government was just an arm of big business were angrily refuted by social democrats who told us that government was neutral, holding the ring fairly between the conflicting interests of commercial companies, trade unions, produc-ers and consumers. Now all pretence at neutrality has the BBC to interview the hisbeen dispensed with. The For-eign Office rejoices that the man who runs policy in the Middle East is on the board of a company which sells tanks to the dictators there. His in-terests are the firm's interests. All other matters — the revolt-ing corruption which accom-panies arms contracts in that part of the world, the savage repression of the mass of the people in these countries — are subsidiary to the essential: to make profits for the arms companies.

"The advantage of being right," he said, "is that you don't have to change your mind." He is as scornful as ever at the arguments used by the rich to hang on to their property, in particular the glorification of the absurdlycalled "tiger economies" of the Far East — an "excuse", says Galbraith, for the rich to demand cuts in the welfare state. I admire his scepticism about the "market system" ("we call it that because 'capitalism' is politically incor-rect," he grinned), but in gen-eral I thought the interview exposed the glaring weak-nesses of Keynesian ideas. Galbraith defined Keynesianism as government action to expand the economy in the "bad times" and to contract it in "good times". But who de-cides whether the times are good or bad? The world economy is left to drift from slump to recession while the Keynesians plead for the oc-casional feeble touch on the tiller. Moreover, as Galbraith wryly reminded us, the "greatest Keynesian of the century" was Ronald Reagan who piled up a mountain of government debt by spending trillions of dollars of taxpay ers' money on armaments. If, as seems obvious, the capital-ist system is irretrievably unfair, incompetent and corrupt, why devote our energies to superficial regulations and interference which never

wit and enthusiasm of his

Keynesian youth.

Action tonight — the second half of Martyn Gregory's ex-pose of Marks and Spencer if only in protest at the fantas-tic public relations counteroffensive by the company. Before the programme went out the Belfast company Desmond's admitted one of the main charges: that clothes made in Morocco were mislabelled "Made in the UK". But still Lord Sieff, M&S chairman, managed to get himself on the Frost programme on Sunday to denounce a programme he hadn't even seen, and to deny what was entirely obvious.

work? Why not get rid of it?

CAN'T YOU ever do anything positive? some Guardian readers ask me. Well, per-haps. In the summer of 1994 I went with Figns Maclean of torian Christopher Hill for a broadcast about the Left Book Club (1936-1948). From the 252 LBC titles, he picked out for special praise Left-Wing Democracy in The English Civil War by David Petegorsky, a wonderful account by a young Canadian student at the LSE of Gerald Winstanley and the egalitarian Digger movement in the English revolution. Roger Thorp, who runs Alan Sutton, a publishing house in Stroud, heard the programme and decided to publish the IT WAS good to see JK Galbraith, 87, on television talking to Andy Marr with all the a preface by Ivan Roots.

We're moving home

Arthur Scardil tells why he is one of the buillers of the new party for sociaists — and issues a rallyig call for supporters toight New Labour

some public-relations exer-cise but a new and dirent

A number of Labo and trades-union movemen ists realised durin the Party conference in ely October that that was ined the

At the heart of our happiness was the ditche of Clause 4. The committent to common ownership as fundamental to the inciples leading to the birt of the Labour Party near a century ago. To me, a in the communities and iditions that shaped my thing, this aim represents a abiding hope for a better will, and is a cornerstone of artight for economic democrasien route to true socialism. However, the enges to

NYBODY q s-tioning why Ind many others we decided the me has come to sab-

lish a Socialist Labour try had their answer from my Blair on BBC TV yestday morning. He and histoleagues in New Labour each and histoleagues in New Labour each and their arry and that people like me were social democratic and that people like me were social democratic and that people like me were social democratic. ership agree that their triy and that people like me were can no longer be home an unrepentant socialist an as myself. New Labour. explained to David Frost, 'not some public-relations were

mitment to full employment. Blair yesterday again de-with its leader saying yester-day that he could not guaran-that vicious legislation. Such that New Labour could is New Labour's contempt not our forebears who broke with eradicate unemployment. In reality, a British govern-ment could do exactly that,

even within a capitalist society — by introducing a four-day working week with no loss of pay, banning all non-essential overtime and introducing voluntary retirement on full pay at the age of 55. It is economic insanity to pay out £40 billion a year on unamployment when for half that amount, with the mea-sures referred to above, unemployment could be eliminated. Such measures, however, are anotherna to the nature of capitalism.

On pensions, New Labour has abandoned the principle of universal pension provi-sion for all citizens, and is Labour can no longer be a stramining ways in which "home" to socialists. The changes go beyond the consti-

only for trades unions and trades unionism but for rankand-file delegates of its own

party.

Margaret Thatcher failed in her declared intention to wipe socialism off the agenda of British politics — and yet we now find Tony Blair and New Labour wiping socialism off its own agenda. This situation presents

socialists with an inescapable

A representative meeting decided at the weekend that there is no alternative to es-tablishing a Socialist Labour Party now. That decision fol-lowed widespread consulta-tion throughout England, Scotland and Wales and the announcement on Saturday has met an enthusiastic esponse. The derision and anger in

The derision and anger in certain quarters at the establishment of Socialist Labour is reminiscent of the response given to the Labour Party nearly a century ago

tuition. On all fundamental i issues that affect our lives and our society New Labour has adopted policies that cannot be supported by those call themselves socialists.

On privatisation, New Labour has not only abandoned a commitment to common ownership, but declares it will not reverse and repair the appalling social/economic Labour's constitute incorporated in the negule book adopted at the 15 Labour Party conference int far be-

Service and our education lishment of Socialist Labour system both suffering from nearly 17 years of Tory government, New Labour is no longer committed to the fundamental rebuilding and restoration that both these crucial services demand.

New Labour's conversion to

With the National Health | certain quarters at the estabis reminiscent of the response given to the founding of the Labour Party nearly a century ago. That response was wrong then and it is wrong

and friends within the Labour capitalism is symbolised by its stance on anti-trades inion legislation;
At the 1995 Labour Party conference, the delegates voted to repeal all the Tory anti-union laws — yet Tony benefit the Tories. Histori-

the Liberal Party nearly a

century ago.

In my home town of Barnsley the first candidate who stood for Labour at a byelection in 1897 was not only heckled but stoned — by min-ers, who believed that in standing for Labour he was harming the Liberal Party's chance of election to government.

As late as 1910, there was still a large body of opinion in the trades union and Labour movement actively support ing the Liberal Party and arguing that it was not the role of trades unions to be directly

involved in politics.
Socialist Labour is born from the frustration and anger of trades-union and Labour movement activists who feel disenfranchised by New Labour.

However, this new party is born in a positive not nega-tive spirit — in the belief that only through socialism can we create a peaceful, environ-mentally protected world and bring about fundamental changes in society so that work, a place to live, health care and education are rights that can be experienced by

Socialist Labour will, for example, support all the "single issue" campaigns for peace, animal welfare and the environment. Even some of our enemies concede that this Many respected comrades new party offers such campaleners a natural home New Labour has ditched socialist principles - and I urge all socialists inside as well as outside Parliament to

recognise that fact and join

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John Kenyon

Rugged scholar of the Stuarts

17th-century Engreviewer, and a fellow of the

After taking his first degree in his native Sheffield, he went to Cambridge in 1954. There he was a pupil of J H Plumb and became a fellow of Christ's College, before going on to become Hull's history professor for 19 years fol-lowed by six years at St An-drews. From 1987 to 1994 he was Distinguished Professor of early modern British his-tory at the University of

In 1983 his venture into historiography. The History Men. was published, which like his Observer reviews. ence. But his work was focused on the Stuart age. His qualities as a historian were exemplified in his 1958 book which showed his formidable capabilities as a

OHN KENYON, who | scholar, combining careful | coherent and original. The | the care he took in his writing attention to detail with an ability to pick up every nuance from his sources. Apart from its portrait of Sunder-land, it offers sophisticated analyses of both the deluded and introverted court of James II and the world of political management and

intrigue under William III. It is also written in a vigorous and entertaining prose, which served Kenyon well in his best-sellers, The Stuarts and Stuart England, By contrast, Revolution Principles: The Politics Of Party 1689-1730 (1977), focused on the of political debate as Whig and Tory polemicists sought to adapt to the changed political world after the revolution of 1688-99 - and then to the

Hanoverian Succession. This is a far from easy topic once one gets below the level of the "major" writers, much is trite or muddled — and it was a considerable achievement to produce, from the an analysis that is at once

Lectures he gave at Oxford in gious set of lectures on British history. Kenyon's greatest assets

were a careful and perceptive use of his sources and a robust common sense. His works reflect a cynical view of human nature — what else could have led him to choose the slippery and abrasive Sunderland as the topic of his doctoral thesis? — which was an essential part of his char-acter. He distrusted theories which were not firmly rooted in historical evidence and thoroughly disliked preten-

tiousness and trending Many of his numerous book reviews were abrasive or dismissive and made him enemies. He projected an image of gruff, pipe-chewing gloom but could also be convivial company and was capable of considerable kindness. His misanthropy, genuine though it no doubt was, coexisted with a thorough

tinguished professor --- he taught a first-year undergrad-

His rugged individualism and attachment to conservative, scholarly values meant way other historians have, but those same scholarly qualities give his best work a durability that other more ephemerally fashionable works will not enjoy. Mean-while, books like The Stuarts continue to inform and to give pleasure to a wide read-

ing public.
After his retirement from Angela, moved to his favour ite county. Norfolk. She survives him, as do a son, a daughter and a stepdaughter.





Overcoming stereotypes . . . actress, Madge Sinclair

Madge Sinclair

Class act on the colonial stage

thoughtful Jamaican actress, whose later life was spent working and living in the United States.

Her roles in television. stage and films echoed both the possibilities that slowly emerged for black actresses over the last quarter century as well as reflecting her deter-mination to make those parts epic, Roots (1977), she played Kunta Kinte's wife Belle, while a decade later she was Eddie Murphy's queenly mother in Coming To Amer-ica. In 1991, with an equally regal bearing, she played Lally, the Caribbean nurse-maid devoted to a decaying white family in The Orchid House, Channel Four's series set in Dominica.

Madge was born into a middle class Jamaican family, where Marcus Garvey's the door. He had been her story is developed through honed through years of her life.

ADGE SINCLAIR, who has died of leukaemia aged 55, was an elegant and caribbean history and lally's eyes, it was essentially the story from the verandah of the plantocracy. Yet Madge realised that this was not a "The process of 'osmosis

was more powerful than I at first realised," she said, of this childhood memory. It was a modest and upright background; her mother was a school-teacher and her went to teacher training college, where drama and elocu-tion were on the syllabus, before becoming a teacher herself in Kingston schools. She drew on much of her background and understanding of Caribbean society to

play Lally, a character etched into the history of colonial societies. At first, when she read The Orchid House, the heavily autobiographical novel by Phyllis Shand All-frey which the film closely reflected, she was loathe to take the part: the black nurse was such a showbusiness

role to be consigned to the bin: there had to be an honourable way to tell those nurses' stories, and, in any case, she had known such own housekeeper was, she housekeepers for working for an actress of the stature of

She believed that the stereotypes would continue until someone came along with the freedom to play them as full characters — not like Hattie McDaniel's role in Gone With The Wind, a part dictated by ignorance and racism. So she played Lally, standing tall in her highnecked white dresses, with a graceful and all-knowing dignity, yet ever loyal to the wreckage of a family whose

work in the States, duri which she won two Emm (for Look Away, the story)
Abraham Lincoln's wife, at
for Gabriel's Fire). Her acticareer bad started in 19 when she had left teaching and Jamaica behind her ar was a model when she au-tioned for a part in a Gree-wich Village play for blac actors and was cast as a

African queen.
After that there was the exciting years working who Joe Papp's Public Theatrest was there that she met I American husband, Der Compton, then Papp's sta-manager. After her sta bourgeois, Caribbean life, t was she said, "like a born exploding in my consciou ness". In 1978, she branche out with her first film appearance as a South Carolina her teacher in Martin Ritt' Conrack, before moving

She loved Jamaica and kept a house there. She despaired that it had virtually no film industry and had hoped to launch a film production company herself. She recognised that Jamaica had lost its innocence, become Americanised, and lamented this contrasting it with Dominica, where she had worked on location, and where people were still gentle and courteous. She wanted the islands of the Caribbean to cherish

identifies Her last appearance in London was when Horace Ove, who had also directed her in The Orchid House, cast her in The Lion, Michael Abbensett's play at the Cochrane Theatre, in 1993. And last year, she was, perhaps aptly, the voice of the Lion Queen in The Lion King.

Another Day

January 15, 1972: Dear Tanya, It's just that my muse remains in Portugal and I seem to have no inspiration for letters or for work. All I can do is wait for the jade to return. She has strayed before. Nothing seems very acute or significant. The day s overcast. It looks like snow. folm Updike has gone to hirica. My marriage is in the umps. I drink vodka for reakfast. There is skating nd in this I find absolute reetfulness. The ice froze iddenly and, except for the r bubbles, is black and ansparent. On Saturday I ok part in an anti-war demestration. I walked round id round. It seemed penitentl. Mary was assailed by a nctionary but no one bhered me. Mary, who is 9te beautiful and vain, does n like to carry a picket sign bause it conceals her face . We wait for Vera; I wait fomy muse. I have always but the lover — never the beved — and I have spent min time waiting for trains. plies, boats, footsteps, door-be;, letters, telephones, snr, rain, thunder etc. Love, Joi. The Letters of John The Letters of John

Hope Chenhalls Matter of good taste

N THE early 1960s, Ray-mond Postgate needed 2 chief inspector for The Good Food Guide It was assumed then that since most restaurant managers - and food inspectors - were men a man would be appointed. But Postgate sold the Guide in 1963 to the Consumers' Associa-tion, and most of its stalwarts were women. One of them was to be Hope Chenhalls, who has died aged 85.

As chief inspector Chen-

halls spent eight years lunching and dining. Her nam de table ("Helen Tankerton") concealed a woman of 60 short in stature, slight in build, keen of palate and sharp of wit. Her instinct for taste, was astonishing — especially be-cause she smoked.

Long before she came to the Guide she had H W Yoxall, the wine expert, to guide her. Her wine expert, to guine her. her previous employer developed the habit of passing her the wine list when they took a party to the Cafe Royal.

Her power to distinguish right from wrong, whether of food or the punctuation of a sentence, sees further back, to

sentence, goes further back, to the years she spent before the war as Charles Laughton's private secretary. For Laughton, too, had an acute sense of taste. Hope said, "He had a very good cook called Nellie Boxall whom he got from Virginia Woolf I remember a par-ticular lunch with Beatrix Lehmann there. We were eat-ing lamb. Laughton said, There's some Bovril in the gravy.' He called Nellie in to tell her off — quietly, though, because in private Laughton wasn't like Captain Bligh."

gleaned from Laughton, who could detect whether his orange juice had been squeezed that morning or had spent the night in the fridge. When you have spent years tasting foot in that kind of company, the inspection of the average require extraordinary critical exertions.

Hope Clara Chenhalls, food in-

Birthdays

Robert Armstrong, racehorse trainer, 52; Diana Barnato Walker, aviatrix, 78; Margaret Beckett MP, Chuck Berry, singer, 70; Frank Bough, broadcaster, 63; Lloyd Bridges, actor, 83; Ivor Cutler, humorist, 73; Lord Dacre, historian, 82; Jane Drabble, BBC director of education, 49; Rowland George, carsman and England's oldest Olympic gold medallist, 91; A Harry Griffin, Guardian Country diarist, 85; Sir John Junor, columnist, 77; Peter Maitlis, FRS, professor of chemistry, Sheffield University, 63; Princess Michael of Kent, 51: Paul Parker, cricketer, 40; Maria Schell, actress, 70; Frank Thornton, actor and comedian, 75.

Death Notices

Duane Hanson

Art from life from art

dinary Americans, cast from life and dressed in real clothes. It made him one of the most popular protagonists of the super realist movement of the early seventies. Yet despite — or perhaps, because of — his popularity, he never won over the critics. Even in Gregory Battcock's 1975 critical anthology of super realism, many of his pieces are described as "one-shot

It was not until Hanson reached his early forties, and the arrival of pop art, that he came into his own. Pop opened the floodgates to all kinds of figuration and vernacular imagery. Hanson was particularly influenced by the tableaux of George Segal, which featured figures cast from life in white plaster. Hanson took casting from life to unprecedented ex-

effects of these sculptures are remarkable. They are far more convincing than wax-works which are modelled by hand and therefore somewhat idealised. There are innumerable stories about gullible viewers: a museum guard in Florida once called the emergency services when a sculpture of a seated woman failed to respond to his blandish-ments. The attention to detail s extraordinary. In the only work by Hanson in a British collection — a pair of elderly Tourists (1970) in the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh — the man's wristwatch is regularly

wound up by the warders. But there is more to Han-son's work than visual trickery. In the late sixties, he exposed the violent and seamy underside of American society. His subject-matter included race riots, road tremes. He had learnt a included race riots, road method of casting with poly- accidents, gangland murders,

Duane Hanson, who has died aged 70, was of orary Americans, cast from effects of these sculptures are was soon acquired by a constant of the fifties. German museum. The bodies of GIs, stripped to the waist, lie on a mud-spattered tarpaulin, apparently dead and dying. The resonance of the work increases when it is exhibited in a dazzlingly-lit, white-walled gallery: it then becomes a cruel parody of sun-bathers on a beach.

Whereas pop had focused on the more glamorous as-perts of American society. Hanson's work reflects the disillusionment of the late sixties and seventies. By 1970, tion to working class Americans, supermarket shoppers in curlers, vulgarly dressed tourists, weary construction workers, obese diners — all are painstakingly delineated and attired. There is an element of caricature, but overall, the mood is tender and melancholic. Most of Hanson's protagonists are

ing blankly into space.

The super realists' success was short-lived. By the midseventies, deadpan art was out, and ultra-expressive art veloped cancer in the seventies, lived long enough to see his work come back into fashion. Sculptors, including Rob-ert Gober and Charles Ray, from life, and retrospectives in 1994 and 1995 of Hanson's work were well attended.

Hanson will probably neve

ment. His work centres on the people who never normally step inside museums, and even though his sculptures tina of age, most museums directors can't cope with this

Duane Hanson, sculptor, born

January 17, 1925; died January 6, 1998



Jackdaw



Soldiering on

I GLANCED into a mirror last week for only the third or fourth time in two years — I've just had some old furniture returned to me — and in that old mirror I saw a face that looks like a crumpled shroud — something out of an MR James story . . . I sometimes glance with absolute horror at the advertisements for holidays that are put in this journal by privately-run hoteliers and family-run, twee, correct, Guardian-reading, health-food eating, wine-sipping, fresh-air fiends wearing shorts, socks with their sandals, and under the misapprehension that all

Spectator readers start the day with an icy-cold shower a jog and then stand about for half an hour eating their porridge before setting off on a publess hike with their preacked lunches.

IT IS distressing to see the great national debate about our delightful and heavensent Princess of Wales dominated by the posse of sadomisogynists grouped around my dear old friend Mr Alexander Chancellor . . . What is it about that cheerful, brave, infinitely well-mannered woman which excites such hatred in the breasts of those less favoured, less secure,

less admired? But another old and valued friend has complained about my recent stuff, too, saying she finds it patronising, violent and intolerant, with excessive abuse of those who disagree with me. Am I to suppose she has seen Mr Chancellor? Another friend even went so far as to write me a letter from Bath: "Many of those who know and love you have been worried about you lately. Are you feeling

quite all right? There are many disturbing symptoms
..." To suppose that these

also been corresponding with Mr Chancellor must be a sign memorably described as "rank paranoia". Two of the Speciator's old guard, Jeffrey Bernard and Auberon Waugh, indulge in ome New Year introspection.

amiable, drunken fellows had

God's own

THE INFLUENCE that the Christian Coalition has on the Republican Party, for example, is often used outside the US to demonstrate the archaic aspect of American politics. By contrast, when other countries break the ties between politics and religion, they are commonly assumed to have joined the ranks of

'the modern."
It's not hard to see why so many should be suspicious of the link between religion and politics. The ideological battle between communism and capitalism has been lost and won. Wars between nation-states defending their

national interest have become blissfully rare. But religion seems capable of reclaiming one of its ancient attributes — a source of instability and violence. From Bosnia to Northern Ireland, to the Middle East, some of the world's most persistent trou-ble spots seem to have their wellsprings in a competition

between different faiths... Yet the argument that religion is a source of political instability is simplistic. As historians and journalists uncover the origins of the Bosnian war, for example, the idea that its origins lie in confessional politics looks more and more threadhare. War came, rather, because of a deliberate decision by Serb leaders to grab power as the Yugoslav federation disintegrated. Elsewhere, the rise of religious parties owes much, paradoxically, to their ability to provide secular services:

towns of Turkey, clinics and soup kitchens in Cairo. But there is a larger point cators on international relations miss . . . people's real

clean water in the shanty-

lives are bound together by much more than politics and by technology and culture, by melatonin and Madonna, by the Olympic Games and the shared affirmation of religious faith, however different religious may be from each other. It isn't hopeless optimism

to believe that now is a good time for all those who take international affairs seriously to burnish such links. Yes, the world remains a dangerous place, yes, the communists are back in Russia; yes, nobody knows how China will play its destined role as the next great power

and yes, for that matter, it's not always easy for those who helieve their faith is a private matter to engage with the growing number who think that religion should shape But there is more peace,

more prosperity, less pros-pect of Armageddon on earth now than for many years. Michael Elliott stands up for a

Best guess

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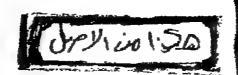
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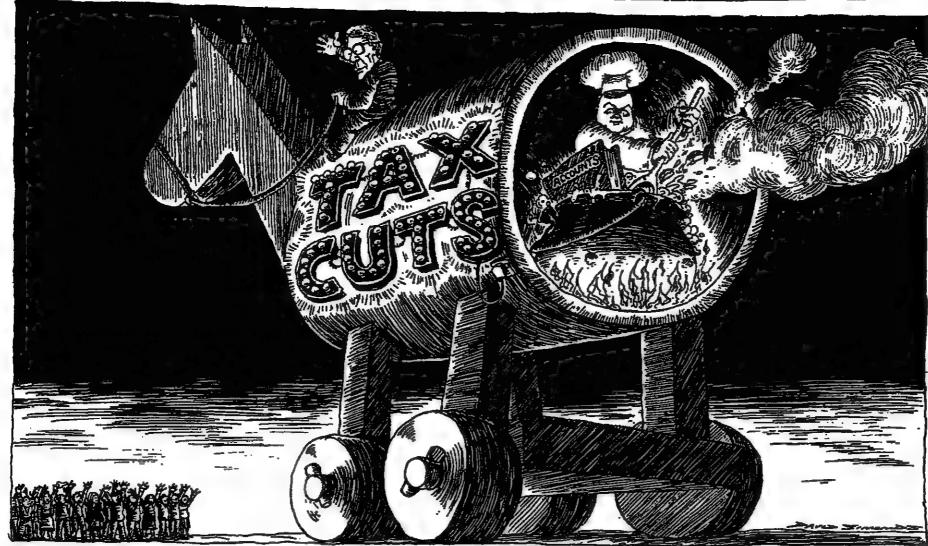
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Gift horse that taxes credibility



Larry Elliott

HE battle between the two main political parties over tax has become the modern equivalent of the Tro jan War — a seemingly end-less struggle in which a long period of boredom will eventually explode into one decisive. bloody moment a couple of

weeks before polling day.

One — perhaps the only reason ministers remain chipper about their prospects of wiping out Labour's poli-lead is that they are con-vinced voters will be mightily impressed by the contents of this November's Budget. man Lamont over-estimated after year — were asked to Small tax cuts in 1995 will be tax revenues for the coming foot the bill for a sting Paul followed by a real bonanza in financial year by 25 billion. Newman and Robert Redford 1996, with the promise of more to come in 1997.

The fact that Labour knows exactly what to expect doesn't mean, of course, that the strategy will be ineffective, and the Opposition front bench has tried to give itself as much room for manoeuvre as possible by abstaining on the 1p reduction in income tax announced by Kenneth Clarke last November.

Although it is easy to con demn this approach as pusillanimous, the criticism is unfair for two reasons. Those on the Labour left who have defied the whip and voted against the tax reduction need to recognise that far fewer people avoid the tax net than did 30 years ago, and those on average earnings and below are already paying more of their gross incomes in tax than were in 1979. It is hard to see why Labour 1981 should support measures that would penalise teachers, cierical workers or nurses.

But there is a second reason why Labour is justified in saying that it can make no tax choices until it has seen the

books. That, quite simply, is that the books are all over the place.

John Hills of the London School of Economics makes precisely this point in Options For Britain, published were based on perfectly known and the process of the welfare state is based. The published were based on perfectly known and the process of the welfare state is based. The published were based on perfectly known and the process of the welfare state is based. The published were based on perfectly known and the process of the welfare state is based. The published were been proud to pull off. Hardly surprisingly, they were unimpressed. In the value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can expect the pull off. Hardly surprisingly, they were unimpressed. In the value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can expect the pull off. Hardly surprisingly, they were unimpressed. In the value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can expect the pull off. Hardly surprisingly, they were unimpressed. In the value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can expect the pull off. Hardly surprisingly, they were unimpressed. In the value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can expect the pull off. Hardly surprisingly, they were unimpressed. In the value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can expect the pull off. Hardly surprisingly, on which the very existence of the welfare state is based. The course, that will not prevent taxes being can expect the pull off. Hardly surprisingly, they were unimpressed. In the value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can expect the pull off. Hardly surprisingly, on which the very existence of the welfare state is based. The value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can expect the very existence of the welfare state is based. The value-for-money 1990s, it may be possible to persuade voters that they can ex last week (Dartmouth Publishing, Gower House, Croft Road, Aldershot, Hants GUII 3HR), containing a detailed manifesto for what a centre left party could and should do on achieving office.
As the table shows, in every

year during the 1980s the Treasury was pessimistic about the prospects for tax receipts in the years ahead. This was useful in encouraging public spending restraint but it allowed Nigel Lawson to proper up on Reference the property of the property to pop up on Budget day and say that be was pleasantly surprised by how things had turned out. The Chancellor then proceeded to dole out the goodies in the form of lower taxes, higher spending or — around election time — both. Now look at what happened from the start of the 1990s. In

the March 1991 Budget, Nor-

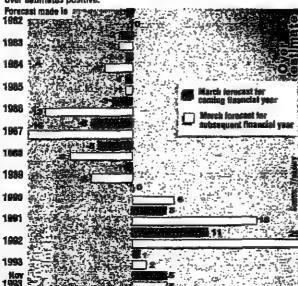
tax cuis in the 1992 Budget were based on perfectly ko-sher forecasts that simply failed to take account of the depth and severity of the those who have now left Great George Street admit that the data in the 1992 Red Book had been — how shall we put it — tweaked.

Whatever the cause of the error, the Conservatives have been paying dearly for those forecasts. By the time of the 1993 Budget, a hole had opened up in the Government's finances that could only be plugged by a massive dose of old-fashioned austerity. The post-dated text in ity. The post-dated tax in-creases announced by Mr Lamont took 26.7 billion out of the economy in 1994/95, rising to £10.3 billion in 1995/96.

Voters — who only 12 months previously had been told to expect tax cuts year

Treasury forecasting errors

Red Book forecasts of general government taxes and NICs compared to out-turn one year after financial year end. Under estimates negati



A stake for the blood-suckers, but it won't be through the heart

from higher taxes; trying to convince them that higher taxes without higher spending are a sign of good eco-nomic management is a trick-

er exercise even in the days when the public finances were in surplus, things were not really as good as they looked. In the late 1980s, North Sea oil taxes and privatisation receipts were worth around 4 per cent of GDP — some £25 billion in today's money — but lower oil prices and the fact that what's left of the family silver now amounts to a tarnished cruet mean that they are now

worth less than 1 per cent. These are big numbers. Despite putting the squeeze on public spending, ministers have been forced to renege on their tax pledges and the aim of balancing the budget over the cycle. City analysts are al-ready betting on how long it will be before the aim of cutting general government expenditure by 0.5 per cent in real terms in 1996/97 is ditched, given that a) it is

ous as polling day approaches, and c) Mr Major is between 24 and 39 points be-hind in the polls. Unless, like the radical right, you believe that Britain is guilty of wildly extravagant public spending, the message is that Britain is an under taxed country, with its public finances suffering from the debilitating effects of the ability of modern capitalism to avoid paying corporate taxes

election year b) governments, particularly Conservative

governments, like to be gener

and to inculcate a climate of fear in the workforce. A recent pamphlet by Mark Harvey for the Institute of Employment Rights, shows bow casualisation of the construction industry was costing the Exchequer £2 billion-£4 billion in lost tax and Mr Harvey says the cre-ation of a more "flexible"

workforce has undermined

time creating more people likely to be dependent on it."

None of this would be admitted by the Government, even though the apparently favourable trend in the public. finances needs to be put into some context. The PSBR is projected to fail from 229 bil-lion this year to £22.5 billion in 1998/97 and £15 billion in 1997/96, but it is only by 1999/ 3000 that the budget is back in surplus, and even then on the basis of 3 per cent growth in

the next two fiscal years and

2.75 per cent in each of the three after that. If the Government is seri-ous about balancing the budget over the medium term, the conclusion has to be that it has not gone far enough in repairing the state finances. The same applies if City econ-omists are correct in arguing

Treasury this year reverted to its cautious ways of the 1980s and underestimated the likely tax take in 1996/97. He will talk to the Treasury in the next few weeks to find out why it is being so bearish about corporation tax receipts, but believes Mr Clarke may be able to unveil hidden tax receipts of up to 25 billion in November - a useful war-chest with an elec tion only a few months away. The beauty of being pessimistic in November 1995 is that not many eyebrows will

be raised in the City if the Chancellor uses his windfall to come up with optimistic forecasts for 1997-96 that justify a pre-election giveaway. If that happens, voters should recall their Virgil as well as the lessons of past pre-elec-tion Budgets: Beware Greeks that the Treasury is too bull- | bearing gifts.

Same slogan but now US must decide

Worldview

Edward Balls

HE rallying cry, which drove the US Democrats into the White House in 1992, "It's the economy,

Four years on, as America again moves into a presiden-tial election year, economics will again be central not only to the political fight but the direction of society.
For months, the US domes

tic political focus has been the budget battle between President Bill Clinton and the New Right Republicans, who sentatives and are demanding radical cuts in welfare spending to balance the budget by the year 2000.

This battle has already caused the Federal government to shut down twice and the chances of the dispute rolling on until the November

lection are growing.

Meanwhile, the US economy has slowed recently and central bank governor, Alan Greenspan, became suffi-ciently concerned about the slowdown that he announced an interest rate cut just before Christmas. All of which ought, at least at first sight, to be bad news for Mr Clinton.

Not so. He is riding high in the polls, champion of the

right, Newt Gingrich, is deeply unpopular, the Republicans are fighting each other and US commentators are forecasting a November vic-

So is the 1992 slogan no longer true? Part of the expla-nation for the strength of Clinton's position is certainly non-economic; for example the recent foreign policy success in Bosnia. But there are also good economic reasons why US voters should keep faith with the Democrats. The US has had three years

of sustained non-inflationary economic growth above 2.5 per cent a year while Japan has barely grown at all and German output was alipping back into recession by the middle of last year. The US recovery has also been largely investment driven, with investment

sive — a net eight million jobs since 1993, while unemployment has fallen sharply.

Part of the reason for this is that Japan and Germany are lumbered with uncompetitive exchange rates relative to the dollar, which means that US units of labour costs are now relatively much lower and the

huge US trade deficit of the 1980s is now under control.

Also, the US 1993 budget package cut the deficit in half and helped reduce long-term interest rates while the Greenspan tactic of cutting water hand in the of cutting rates hard in the recession, raising them early in the recovery and then easing them again as the economy slowed, means most economists expect recovery to strengthen up to the 1996 election.

But there is a second way in which the American economy will affect the election. The downside of America's eco-nomic performance over two decades has been growing inequality.

Throughout the Republican

1980s, jobs creation in the US was matched by rising wage inequality and social exclu-sion. People with education and skills saw their earnings rise. Growing poverty and rising crime inevitably resulted. But the problem goes wider than the isbour market and America now faces low public investment, uneven access to health, a failing education system and high rates of social exclusion in urban areas too.
Clinton came to power in

1992 promising to tackle these problems. That was the ratio-nale behind the introduction of the Earned-Income-Tax Credit to boost the income of low-wage, often minimumwage employees. It was also the thinking behind the health-care plan and the Labour Department's reforms of Federal education and

training programmes.

But, it is these, albeit modest, programmes which are now under direct threat from Republican budget cuts.

It is these cuts in health which the White House is fighting. And if the battle continues until the election, it might at last pose the American people with the choice that they have avoided making for decades. Are they prepared to vote to make America a socially cohesive society growth into double figures in a which sveryone has a stake in the future? Or are they prebut it is the Clinton administration's record on job creclusion continue to grow. ation which is most impres- whatever the consequences?

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Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

WHAT a week it must have been for travel agents of the more upmarket variety; you know, the ones with names like Voyager Direct or Tout Le

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Discreet inquirles regarding open-seat aeroplane, boat and Tunnel bookings should have poured in from anyone with sufficient nous to plan an early escape from the terrors of the Stakeholder Economy.

Light Programme fans may remember the episode of Hancock's Half Hour, in which the eponymous hero is persuaded to invest in employables not gathering Sid James's coach comfor the feeding frenzy, the

pany. The deed done. Sid then informs his stake-holder that he (Hancock) holds all the B-shares (entitling him to put money into the business) whereas Sid holds all the A-shares (entitling him to take it out

again).

There are no prizes for guessing who will be doing the taking-out in New Labour's Singaporean Nirvana of inclusivity; management consultants, stress counsellors, health fascists and anybody else clued-up enough to clamber aboard the bandwagon of compul-sory togetherness. Nor is it hard to guess who will en-joy the privilege of holding the B-shares (the rest of us).

But even were this merce nary army of free-riders, con-men and otherwise-unall-time greats of bill-pad-ding and super-leeching — the lawyers — most cer-tainly will be. A central institution of the Stakeholder Economy — the Singapore-inspired "central provident fimd" — would, were it ever to be constructed, become an Orient Express-

For those who have missed the details of the stakeholding paradise, the fund is a compulsory sav-ings scheme, administered by the state for the provi-sion of pensions and other benefits. The Labour leader, the Guardian reported on January 8, "left no doubt" that Sings

class gravy train for

pore's fund "is a subject of particular interest". One would not have

accused of "mis-selling" thousands of private pen-slons, nor that British law requires investment advi-sers to offer "best advice" to their clients.

The potential for grievances against a gigantic state-owned savings scheme are incalculable, particularly as the quality of investment management by a public-sector institu-tion, performing the usual non, performing the usual public-sector party-piece of paying poor salaries but simultaneously running colossal overheads, is likely to be abysmal.

Legal actions against

such a fund would be of a scale to make the Lloyd's court cases look like a fiveminute hearing before the local bench.

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League One: Orrell 38, Saracens 13

Saracens put

to the sword

HE on-pitch fare at

Edge Hall Road was like the huge York-shire puddings filled

with stew that were once

served in the clubhouse.

Orrell's big pack provided something stodgy and satisfying to warm the home supporters. Nowadays, though,

the menu is a lot more exotic.

the director of rugby Peter

Williams are helping expand Orrell's horizons. On their

day their backs are as good as

those of any English club. Sat-

urday was such a day and

Saracens found the experi-

Healey, Wynn, Smith, Luger and Mason provided

the flair that was once so lacking behind the scrum. Healey is an irresistible fire-

cracker of a scrum-half who will surely be challenging for

an England spot before the year is out. That Leicester are

year is out. That Leicester are attempting to sign him is no surprise. "Healey is very quick and particularly effec-tive at the turnovers and he was a key man today," said Saracens' coach Mark Evans.

was a key man today, sant Saracens' coach Mark Evans. Smith, a beautifully bal-anced runner, managed three tries in the second half, his

econd hat-trick this season. thanks to Wynn's well-timed

passes from the centre. Ma-

son's interception-try and 18 points from the boot helped

keep the Londoners dangling perilously above the ralega-

tion zone, four points ahead of

Gloucester having played a

game more. Unfortunately for England,

Smith and Wynn have opted to play for Scotland while Mason, a 22-year-old student,

Born in England, he has three Irish grandparents and has

committed himself despite Slemen's attempts to per-suade the full-back to see his

future in a white shirt.

ence hard to swallow.

The coach Mike Slemen and

Robert Armstrong on the inspirational forward whose England career may benefit from an unexpected extension

Richards in the squad for Paris

next Saturday's Five Nations opener against France in Paris

The 32-year-old Leicester No. 8, who might have thought his England career had ended with his last international appearance in the World Cup play-off against France last June, has won an unexpected recall by the manager Jack Rowell to provide short-term cover for the intured back-row forwards Tim Rodber and Ben Clarke.

Richards, who has 45 caps, ioined England's 21-man England squad at Bisham Abbey national sports centre yesterday for a 90-minute training

spasms in his abdomen, did no heavy-contact work and Rodber, who has twisted his ankle and knee, took no part

Rodber has only a 50-50 chance of playing and a decision on his fitness will be made at Roehampton on Wednesday. If the Northamp-ton forward drops out, Richards will take his place on the

Should Clarke also fail to regain full fitness Richards would be drafted into the side at No. 8, but the Bath forward is expected to recover within two or three days.

"I was very surprised to be called into the squad at short notice," said Richards, whose outstanding league form helped his club beat Bath nine days ago. "I hope the in-juries clear up. but it was nice to be back training with the

EAN RICHARDS | Leicester policeman in the England camp will not only unsettle the French but also stimulate the England forwards, who know they can benefit from his vast experience of Five Nations

> "Deano is breathing down my neck again, but it's great to have him in the squad," said Clarke. "Paris is not the place to go if you're not fully fit; it's one of the biggest, most exciting matches in the calendar."

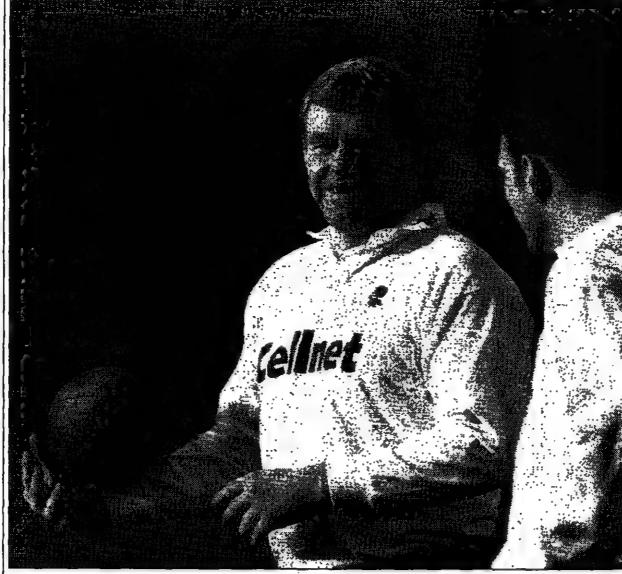
> Damian Hopley, who played against South Africa and Western Samoa in the autumn, was also recalled to the squad to cover for Phil de Glanville, who has a groin in-jury which is expected to heal in time for Paris.

Other setbacks have caused minor anxiety. These include Graham Dawe's bout of flu, Mark Regan's injured thumb and Paul Grayson's thigh strain. Rowell,

the former England tight-head prop Jeff Probyn, whose specialist advice has been directed at Jason Leonard. the Harlequins loose-head who has switched to the No. 3 position for England

few days," said Rowell. "Richards, who is a very special rugby player, gives the players a lift and I am delighted he is able to take part in dis-cussions with them about the things we need to do to win

"His experience is invalu able and if he does play in Paris he would bring cement to the pack. But," Rowell added, "that does not mean we will change our style if he



Back on the beat . . . Richards is the Leicester policeman the French always hate to find on duty

League Two: London Irish 21, London Scottish 20

Dead-eye Corcoran gives Irish an added kick

Robert Armstrong

ICHAEL CORCORAN was the toast of Sun-bury with seven pen-alty goals that downed Scot-tish, pushed irish into second was the toast of Sunplace in League Two, and enhanced his position as top points scorer in English

rugby.

If Irish win promotion at the expense of Scottish they will owe a debt of gratitude to

throughout the Nineties. The shell-shocked look on Scottish faces as they trooped run Irish ragged for long peri-

nearly an hour, yet they were well and truly mugged. Perhaps someone should give their forwards tips on how to avoid conceding penalties on the edge of their own 22.

Corcoran, a former footballer with Chelsea and Crystal Palace, has an inelegant technique which involves a who fetches and carries balls

three nights a week. "I did feel the pressure today but I tried to block it out and drill the ball over exactly the same way each time," he ex-

ods, and hald the lead for I plained. "The best way to pract from time when they failed to tise is to kick a soccer ball against the wall 200 to 300 times, and after that you have no trouble at all kicking a rugby ball where you want.
I've never been coached; it's a self-made style.

Strangely Corcoran, who has been timed at 10.8sec for 100 metres, has never sot into low crouch and a bottom wig-gle but he drills home his kicks the national side. 'I went on a development tour to Namibia expertly. A senior buyer for a pet-food company, he devotes his spare hours to kicking waiting for the call," he said. waiting for the call," he said. At 26 he still has time to win a

> It was just as well that Cor-coran missed only one kick because Irish never looked Northampton and Scottish like scoring a try spart from a twice each. Only Moseley tense moment two minutes away look a serious hurdle.

exploit a two-man overlap. Clive Woodward, their coach, need not have worried: when Scottish failed to release the ball near the left touchline Corcoran whacked over a 28metre penalty to clinch

As Woodward, the former England and Lions centre, pointed out: "I'm not used to coaching sides that don't score tries. I think we lost a bit of confidence in our ability to move the ball."

motion since they have al-ready played the leaders

"Our future is in our own of Halpin. Hall and Walsh hands," said Woodward. Clearly Irish have the crowd appeal, up-to-date facilities and commercial back-up League One. On Saturday the 6,000 attendance caused the kick-off to be put back 15 min-

utes. "The *craic* is fantastic here and people want to come." said Michael Flatley, the club's livewire PR man. "And we are talking to poss-

have harder matches in prospect. Their penchant for offside cost them dear once a committed Irish pack got to work under the influence

Scottish exploited defensive lapses with cleverly worked tries by Nick Robinson in the 12 and 33rd minutes. Eight by Gavin Thompson appeared to settle it but Ian Stent's second failure to convert from a wide angle was to prove

cated that he is more likely to bring in an experienced

The progress of these players and Orrell's links with nearby Wigan, which could

SCOTT HASTINGS's centre than recall Craig Chalmers at stand-off and ing yesterday, giving Scot switch Gregor Townsend

Nations Championship fit to play at Lansdowne

Skiing

Hockey

GB win twice

Pat Rowley

OB THOMPSON, the tall Hounslow centre-forward, scored his first international hat-trick as 5-1 at Bisham yesterday to complete a weekend double over a team who will be one of their seven rivals at this week's Olympic qualifying

It was a good day for Houns-Guy Fordham, the 20-year-old successor to Jon Potter at right-half, scored his first international goal. Another relative newcomer, Guildford's Danny Hall, collected his third. All five were scored in open play, the products of quality forward moves.

Britain will now go into the qualifying tournament full of confidence. They are unbeaten in 10 matches since November, nine of which

1-0, the corner specialist Calum Giles converting the second of Britain's two

corner of the Malaysia goal. Five minutes later Nor Saiful equalised for Malaysia

scored at the second attempt.

Rob Thompson's third goal

It took some time to gain

supremacy over the Malaysia defence in both games but yesterday an 11th-minute goal helped. Fordham came forward from defence to combine with his inside-right John Shaw and set up Thompson, who used his long reach to de-flect the ball high into a top

corners conceded, but Brit-Takher, who was having an excellent 50th international After interchanging passes with Shaw, the right-half

Thompson's neat pass after 44 minutes, preluded an expanhave been won.

Yesterday's higgest-ever win over Malaysia was the perfect answer after they had failed to put away chances the previous day and won only

Lucky punch saves Wharton

Jack Massarik

ENRY Wharton had a hellish night in Halifax. Comprehensively outboxed by the Italian southpaw Vincenzo Nardiello, he seemed unable to avoid a punch during the opening four rounds. In the third the York fighter

went down for the first time in his career, toppled by sheer accumulation of punches. The European super-middleweight title seemed bound for | Frederic Seillier of France, Italy, but Wharton survived | that excuse does not wash. As the fourth round, shared the | a cold starter, Wharton comfifth with some desperate pares with your grandfather's

loped out for the sixth. Nim. bly skirting the referee, Wharton ran into the Italian's corner and threw a haymaking left which opened a gaping cut on Nardiello's unpro-

tected right eye. End of fight. Wharton remains on course for a rematch with Nigel Benn for the WBC title, but he should forget it. His statuesque start against Benn was ascribed to nerves, but against the light-hitting Nardiello, a late substitute for

Tennis

Limping Seles has her limits exposed

been more painful to Monica Seles than infury. So it was typical that. in circumstances which might well have persuaded she fought on with a pulled groin muscle to save a say Davenport 4-6, 7-6, 6-3

final in Sydney yesterday.

The victory, which took her all of 2% gripping hours, earned the joint world No. 1 her 35th title but it may prove to have been far costlier than any other injury. a marathon match and a frantic close call were the last things she needed on the eve of the Australian Open, which starts here today.

"It's not an injury I've had before so I really don't know too much about it," she said afterwards. "It was bugging me but I have a day off before I play in Melbourne [where her first-round opponent is Janet Lee, an American be okay by then." Seles only played in

Table Tennis

ISA LOMAS earned a ticket to Atlanta but

Matthew Syed missed out at

chieving the best win of his

career on Saturday and then

losing yesterday when his

final opponent was re-

the Olympic qualifying com-petition in Manchester after

qualifier] and the trainer said she thought it should not quite as tough, one suspects, as Davenport made it. As a teenager it was Seles's ability to blast her opponents off the court which took her to No. 1, but for much of yesterday she was on the receiving end; that not only surprised but at times also seemed to em-

Davenport sent a clear message to those seeking some way of stopping the Open favourite: take her serve early, hit deep and make her run. And one thing is evident: though her talent is unimpaired, Seles is nowhere near as

Though Seles rated her-self "very lucky" to keep intact her 100 per cent re-cord in Australia — this was her 25th straight victory in the country - a disappointed Davenport had no illusions: "Monica played the big points better than I did, so she deserved

Never was this more evident than when the favourite, having requested a three-minute break for treatment to her right thigh two games earlier. broke back to love when

tried to disqualify him.

Lomas won seven times in

her first eight matches but

Syed narrowly failed to join her at the Games after beating

Jorgen Persson, the former

world champion, and becom-

ing involved in a controversy

Batorfi was 11-6 down in

instated after an umpire Hungarian's abuse warranted had provoked much of the larly been ejected.

the final game when the Aus-

trian umpire decided that the

with Zoltzm Batorfi.

title at 5-4. It was in fact the day's only love game. A blistering foreband winner denied the No. 4 seed her match point at 6-5 to the tie-break but it was not until 2-2 in the third that Davenport, whose deep, heavy ground-strokes forced Seles into repeated errors, suddenly revealed her growing nervousness with two double faults

Though clearly handi-capped. especially when forced wide on her back-hand side, Seles finished the match in ferocious



competitive action since the US Open. "I knew it was going to be very tough to win here," she said, though A blistering foreband.

Davenport served for the style, leaving a weary-look-title at 5-4. It was in fact ing Davenport helpless with a flurry of winners.

A blistering foreband. Seles will be relieved nevertheless to see that the big gest hitters - notably Dayenport, Brenda Schultz-McCarthy and the defending champion Mary Pierce — are in Conchita Martinez's half of the Open draw.

So too is Britain's No. 1 Clare Wood, who faces Marover a young unranked Queenslander. McShea, in the final round of qualifying here yester-day. A see-saw encounter finally went Wood's way when she held for 5-4 in the first set after a 20-point game in which McShea had

three break-points.

Despite temperatures of well over 90F Wood, whose best-ever Grand Slam performance was here back in 1991 when she reached the last 32, held her concentration to complete a third straight-sets win in a row. Tomorrow Britain's Greg Rusedski faces the No. 4 seed Boris Becker in what could be a showcase tie, and Tim Henman plays Petr Korda, whose current coach Tony Pickard first brought the Oxfordshire youngster into Britain's Davis Cup squad.

in the fourth game and the Hungarians, disputing the

point, protested vigorously.
They accused Matt of cheat-

ing, which was out of order," sald the British captain Don-

Chen Xinhua was red-card-

ed for illegal coaching in the

fourth game; in the second a

eree Antonella Flori over-

ruled the decision. "Batorfi

spoke in German and I wasn't

sure his language warranted

Batorfi got a yellow card in-

and a place at the Olympics.

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An edge in Syed's favour Hungarian coach had simi-

Lomas wins Atlanta trip but Syed misses out in rumpus

Basketball

Cadle takes two steps to heaven

Robert Pryce in Birminghan

KEVIN CADLE won the 7-Up Trophy with the and then proposed marriage to a soul singer called Pearly Gates. It was all live on Sky. as corny as The Waltons and no less joyous for the fact that it is his fourth Trophy and second marriage.

Cadle has a relish for the big occasion that he hopes to transmit to his team. On Saturday they eventually did him proud, beating the Worthing Bears 90-84 at the NEC to gain their first title in their six seasons in the league.

took to the final with a flourish. With Colin Irish and Alan Cunningham shooting elder of the Austrian team, out the lights, the Towers looked all but extinguished at 43-28 down. "We didn't have any fight," Cadle complained. The coach put that right with a paint-blistering halftime talk. Danny Lewis (23 points) and Martin Henian (10 points, 11 rebounds) were transformed and Tony Windless (21 points, 14 rebounds)
was sufficiently inspired to
take the Most Valuable Player

"Some of the players, like me, got a little nervous," said the American forward, "Kevin got on me at half-time and told me I had to go out and play.

And I went out and did." Worthing endured foul

trouble, poor shot selection and injury to Andrew Bailey who played only seven min-utes. Most tellingly, they were swamped on the backboards, where the tall Towers outrebounded them 51-33. irish, their player-coach,

had 19 points in the first half but added only one field goal. He had to go off for treatment in the third quarter when he took a bang to the nose, though he would not use this as an excuse. "I was dazed," he said, "by the points they

involve an exchange of personnel and even a ground share at Central Park, makes Orrell's future enticing.

When Saracens, 6-3 down, won a scrum with the interval approaching, Lee spurned a dropped goal chance and flung a long pass out to Ravenscroft, whose attempted pass to Harries was inter-cepted by Mason in his own 22. A mazy run carried him 80 yards upfield for the try that turned the game.

For Saracens the result ended a rollercoaster week. The signing of Australia's stand-off Mike Lynagh was sandwiched between two defeats, and the loss of their captain and scrum-half Davies midway through the first half, when he was taken to hospital with an ankle injury, seemed to take the snap from

their play. Harries scored an excellent if dubious try, when it ap-peared he had a foot in touch, a searing 50-yard run down the left touchline, and the huge replacement wing Chesney scored a late consolation. But Lee, as if cowed by the perate afternoon and the pack threw away chance after chance in the first half.

"They're disappointed but I think Saracens have the beating of Gloucester," said Mason consolingly.

Orrell's only black mark was a reckless first-half stamp by their hooker Scott which earned him a yellow number Botterman, also booked in a later flare-up, a nasty headache. For Saracens too it was a painful afternoon.

Hastings battles wounded knee

land a scare that may last ail week.

The experienced Watsonians centre has a week to recover his fitness before Saturday's opening Five game against Ireland in

that he will be okay," said the manager Jim Telfer.

back to centre

Neil Francis (chest infec-tion) and Simon Geoghegan training with Ireland yes-terday but both should be

structive session," Ireland's coach Murray Kidd reported. "I feel that we've broken through in understanding what we're trying to achieve."

Tomba pipped by Sykora the lowlander

John Samuel in Kitzbühel

ALBERTO TOMBA missed out on a fourth successive slalom win by six hundredths of a second to the 27-year-old Thomas Sykore, skiing as never before for one minute 44.24 seconds here yesterday. Altogether it made s

Altogether it made a handsome Kitzbühel triple for Austria. Günther Mader, winner of Saturday's Hahnenkamm downhill and the combined, is from the Tyrol, Sykora from Lower Austria. It was Sykora's first World Cup a lowland Austrian. Mader's was his first

downhill victory. At 31 the be set a course record and joined Pirmin Zurbriggen and Marc Girardelli as the only skier to win in all four disciplines — five counting combined downhill and slalom. Since 1983 that means 13 successes, including the combined here.

Saturday's 1min 54.29sec on a Streif surface glazed by overnight frost represented speeds up to 90mph. The two-year-old record of Franz Heinzer was shattered by nearly three seconds. Luc Alphand, France's World Cup downhill champion, twice a winner here last season, was among the nine who beat the Swiss's time in a race surprisingly without casualty in view of its pace. Mistakes there were in

plenty, but Britain's Graham Bell earned five World Cup points for 26th place. Nasa forecasting, accorate almost to the hour according to the FIS secretary Gian-Franco Kasper, predicts ample snow for the World Championships in the Spanish Sierra Nevada next month. A snow famine last season meant an expen-

sive postponement.

The tale Flagship still on course for Champion bid

Graham Rock

brokes to complete the hat-

ady when their offices open

Viking Flagship following en-

couraging comments by David Nicholson at Ascot,

and over the weekend he shortened from 8-1 to 6-1 with

Coral's and from 8-1 to 7's with Hill's.

at Wincanton last Thursday:

"Because of the long break, Wincanton was almost like his first race of the season. He

is very well, and will follow

the same path as last year, the Game Spirit followed by the

Handicap Chase at Leopard-stown on Saturday. Klairon

Davis fell for the second time

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Extras (ID7, w7, nb2) horses but only one, Badsworth Boy, has taken the
championship three times.
Viking Flagship, triumphant for the past two years,
is on offer at 8-1 with Ladtogether four winners on Sat-

Mid met betr M Waskinson, D Gough trick and punters looking for each-way value at the Chel-tenham Festival should be this morning.
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aran for throwing during the recent Test series.

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Nicholson's Martin's Lamp is 25-1 for the Champion Chase with Ladbrokes following his defeat by Big HE Queen Mother Champion Chase has Matt in the Victor Chandler been won twice by eight Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

urday.
Hill Of Tullow beat Go Ballistic at Ascot and will have one more race before the Fes-tival, while at Leopardstown Treble Bob, one of the best novice hurdlers of last season, made a successful debut over fences in the Fitzpat-ricks Hotel Group Chase, defeating Minella Lad by six lengths.

Dermot Weld intends to run Treble Bob in the Win Elec-tric Chase over the same course and distance on February 4 before choosing between the Sun Alliance and the Stay ers' Hurde.

"It will give me another chance to have a look at him over fences, but he's not a very big horse and the hurdle is a distinct possibility." he Emblem Chase."
Strong Platinum and Klairon Davis, two leading fancies for the Queen Mother Chase, clashed in the McCain

said yesterday.

Jibber The Kibber readily accounted for Air Shot at Warwick and is being considered by Jenny Pitman for the Sun Alliance, as is Avro Anson, successful first time over fences in the Dipper Novice Chase at Newcastle.

running and Strong Platinum Maurice Camacho, his trainer, is no fan of the Cheltenham race, though, and warned that Avro Anson would be unlikely to run unless the ground were fast. Gordon Richards's high-

ground is on the easy side. Richards has not yet de-Klairon Davis last season, he cided on One Man's next race, has not yet demonstrated but owner John Hales intends to make an announcement

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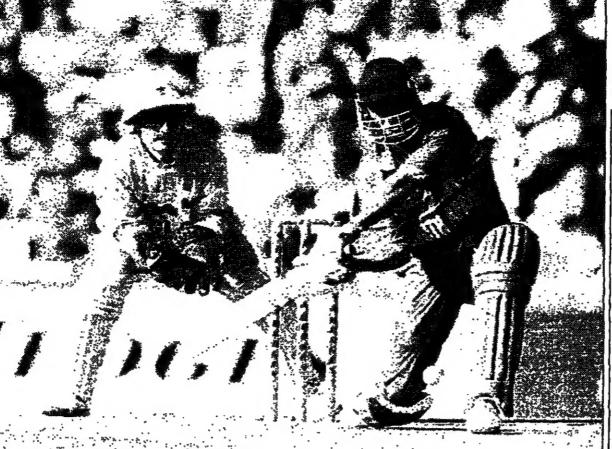
N SATURDAY the Springbok rugby union captain Francois Pienaar went in an official capacity to the FNB Stadium in Johannesburg to lend his support to Bafana Bafana, the South Africa soccer team. who were playing Cameroon in the opening match of the African Nations' Cup. Yesterday, in turn, the tri-

umphant soccer team - their name translates as "The boys, the boys" - watched the action here at Centurion Park; and the cricket side are going to the football later this week. A close-knit community atmosphere has devel-oped in South African sport and it seems to be paying off.

The footballers and the rest of a joyous throng of 15,000 saw England produce a dismal, tired performance here in the fourth one-day international. They were trounced by seven wickets, their second defeat of the weekend after a weakened side lost by three wickets in Johannesburg.

South Africa, chasing 273 to win yesterday on a perfect one-day pitch, paced the match superbly and belied their reputation as falterers when batting second.

There was little between the sides after 30 overs. But an opening partnership of 156 between Andrew Hudson (72) and Gary Kirsten was fol-



Cronje gets cracking . . . South Africa's captain swings into a rapid 47 of two big sixes and one short one

proceedings in style but was caught by Thorpe at wide long-on for 47 in attempting to his third six; he very nearly succeeded, too, as the third umpire's video had to be invoked to show that Thorpe had stayed inside the rope by inches. No matter; there were still two overs left when Kallis drove the winning bound-

ary through extra cover. Earlier, England had failed to capitalise on their own cen-

at just under a run a ball, sell's wonderfully inventive when he might have had a south Africa were cruising. 39 from 19 balls, no one was gander first. One or both men ing — catching, stopping, Cronje tried to complete the lable to maintain the opening should have played the turning, diving, chasing,

tempo, let alone raise it. Although neither Allan Don-ald nor Dominic Cork bowled two most vibrant bowlers of their 10 overs each, clearly it is a batsman's game. So if England's bowlers who at fault in Saturday's defeat, letting South Africa out of jail when containment was essential, it was the England batsmen who were negligent here.

tury opening stand. That had come inside 23 overs from runs were scored. Both Stew-Robin Smith (63) and Alec art and Smith, for instance, Stewart (64), captain in the absence of Mike Atherton — who was no doubt still instead of capitalising, Stew-

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side can expect to be profli-

gate like that and succeed. The weekend of defeat sees England start in Durban on Wednesday needing to win all three remaining matches to this South Africa side are gain-ing momentum as the World Cup looms and their bowling will lose nothing by the return of Fanie De Villiers for the last

three matches. In truth any bowler would respond to the fielding pro-duced regularly by South Af-rica. Led by Jonty Rhodes,

mohan Dalmiya, attempting to damp down speculation that the retired all-rounder is

retrieving and throwing — to a new level of athleticism. • Sri Lanka are to lodge an

official complaint with the

Australian board about what

they feel is unfair treatment from the senior umpire Dar-rell Hair, who "called" their off-spinner Muttiah Muralith-

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took exception to their fre-quent substitution of fielders.

● Kapil Dev has a "0.001 per cent chance of playing in the World Cup" according to the

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Raider to hit jackpot again

WITH a carry-over in excess of £114,000, there is is encouraging.

Maurice Camacho, trainer of Nordan Raider (8.05),

Southwell is Nordan Raider in the fifth

FULL RESULTS SERVICE 0891-168-168 FONTWELL 101 201 301 SED'FIELD 102 202 302 race, the Lundy Handicap. She best Croft Pool in this

Fairey Firefly at Southwell last Friday and followed up with the latter's half-brother Avro Anson at Newcastle on Saturday.

There are few jumps trainers in better form than Henrietta Knight, and she should be on the mark again with supereme Lady (3.15) at Supreme Lady (3.15) at Fontwell.

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3P-3-3F RIN PURDUE (185) Mr J Brown 8-11-8

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55-51 DAUGORY STRAIND (58) O Breman 5-11-7 ...

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●Blinkered for the first time: FONTWELL 1.45 Honey Bun, Masked Martin; 2.15 Emral Miss; 3.45 Dusky Rover; 4.16 Desmond Gold. SOUTHWELL 1.05 Macaroon Lady, Chalky failed by a length and a half to concede 127b to the useful Im-Although Klairon Davis won the Arkle last year, his

jumping will need to improve if he is going to take a hand at Cheltenham this time and he class novice The Grey Monk, is generally on offer at 6-1 for the championship. While Strong Platinum (3-1 another Sun Alliance poss-ible, will run at Carlisle tomorrow providing the for the Queen Mother) was su-perior to Sound Man and

Sound Man, a best-priced today about the horse's jockey in future races.

Ascot for the Comet Chase on It will be a surprise if Rich-

Southwell (Flat A.W.)

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101 127-42 BENJAMBES LAW (R) J Pickering 5-0-10
102 2020-5 BLASTED (11) (D) 8 Thering 4-9-5
102 2020-5 BAUADO (7) (CD) 5 Bowing 7-9-2
104 5100-0 BAFFED-(10) (D) J A Herris 1-1105 2020-5 LILAC BANK (10) J Arrold 4-8-10
105 2020-5 TISE BESTMAL (A) M Pyon 4-8-1
107 40/10-5 SCENT OF POWER (7) (D) N Bybbage 6-8-3
108 5200- BALFARDS (EG) D Haydi Jones 4-9-3
109 5240- CHALFY DANGER (GO) H CORRINGS 4-8-7
110 5500-0 BACANDOR LADY (7) N Byerd 5-7-12 TOP PORM TIPS: Agreedo S, Benjarshin Luer 7, Lilao Roin 6 Betting: 7-2 Benjarpins Luer, 4-3 Luins Pain, 9-2 Aquado, 7-1 Bispind, The Mestral, 8-1 Scent Of Power. 12-1 Parlier-J, Challey Centur, 14-1 Halfaloph 1,35 BARRA APPRENTICES MAJORIN HAMPICAP 1 .- 41 C2,572

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301 02512-9 PINE RIDGE LAD (12) (00) J Eyre 6-8-1 302 11121-1 SPECICET'S REFERENCE (10) (0) M Ryen 7-8-13 303 181331- MERGE (82) (00) W O'Bormen 5-6-11 92- ALL APOLDOMES (AA) R Holkeshad 4-6-7 00- HALLSTAR (620) K Morpus 4-6-4 00000- LEGATES (377) 009 A Streeter 5-8-0 0000-00 BXX MBL (8) 009 D Hayda Jones 4-7-72 1/0000-0 MOODY (N) Gay Kellaway 4-7-12 TDE FORM TIPE: Spanners Revenge 8, Plan Midge Lad 7, Burge 6
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401 DOCO-CAMARY FALCORS (ST7) John Berry 5-10-0
402 4504-0 BLITE JUSTICE (T) N Traker 4-10-0
403 5011-5 SLITE JUSTICE (T) N Traker 4-10-0
404 2500-6 SLITE JUSTICE (T) S Downing 4-8
405 2001-6 SLITE ALBEST (T) (G) S Goldings 8-8-13
405 2010-10 BLITE JUSTICE (SIGN 5-8-10-0
407 85250-TORICA (TO) P Balain 4-6-6
405 2000-2 CAROL ARABIT (T) S Groot 4-5-1
409 00050- JARROW (3T) Mr. A Maughton 6-7-10

TOP FORM TIPS: Sulvez B, Youka 7, Grey Again 6 Bettings 3-1 Carol Again, 7-2 MB Danzer, 4-1 Grey Agam, 9-2 Suivez, 7-1 Tonics, 8-1 Canery Falcos, 10-East Bares, 14-1 Eliza Justice, 30-1 Jentow 3.05 LUNDY HAMDICAP OF 23,794 1901 - 02515-6 HAMSAN'S DENNE (6) (C) C MUTSTY 4-10-0 502 - 460-25- LEDON CROFTER (60) (D) P Curdel 7-8-11

803 15022-4 CRETAM GET (12) (CD) N Littroden 5-9-11
504 10300- MORDAN RAIDIN (eV) (CD) M Cerrecto 3-9-10
806 10113-6 MASSHART (75) (CD) M Crepman 5-9-6
807 21040- Extrol LEDGER (add (CD) Jern Masshart 7-9-4
807 40041- BECORE MADV (477) (D) F Lee 5-9-3
806 00509- SUPEN BRIZE (25) (CD) Jern 5-9-3
506 00509- SUPEN BRIZE (25) (CD) Jern 5-9-3
506 00504-3 ROMES (7) Jelining 5-9-3
510 20004-3 ROMES (7) Jelining 5-9-3
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3.35 SHETLAND SELLING STAKES SYO IN CLASS | 001 | 00050-2 ARCH AMORL (7) D Bronch Davis 9-0 | 002 | 0- BROLLHASTON BAY (27) J Eyro 9-0 | 002 | 0- BROLLHASTON BAY (27) J Eyro 9-0 | 003 | 0050-104172 (82) B Robinell 9-0 | 005 | 0050-35 BK MY 6880 (1) W Museo 8-3 | 006 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 007 | 0 6-9 mys L Miller America

TOP FORM TIPS: People Direct 5, Arch Angel 7 Bettings 4-6 People Direct, 11-2 Arch Angel, 7-1 Paperte Jive, 10-1 Be My Bird, Muses, 12-1 Brigtingto: Bay, 16-1 Bevanns Bue, 30-1 Kratz

4.05 FAR ISLE MANDICAP (DIV 2) 1m, 12,222 1 G000-6 DAAME (7) Mrs V Acceley 5-9-10
2 3005-1 KOMMANTE (10) (CD) S Bowring 4-9-7
3 D000-6 KINGCLEP BOY (3) DD M Ryan 7-9-5
4 O0020- MAZELIA (34) (CD) A Streem 4-9-0
3 4525-5 SHAUEL PLESSING (6) D Haydo Jones 5-9-0
5 000009- SEA COD (7) M CARGON 6-9-12
7 50405-3 AMOTHEROME TO MOTE (7) N Litimodeo 5-8-10 _M Detring 8# _G Teegre (5) 2 _T Iron 4# _D McKerne 8 _A Markey 3 _C Wandey (7) 8 _J Brandel (7)

5 32060 - GOLOSSE (28) J Eyro 4-8-9 _______.
5 500-124 SHOTLEY AQAIN (3) N Bycrot 6-7-12 . TOP PORBI TIPSo Sendra Pileshen S, Kumbanatha Y, Marika C Bettings 5-2 Kombroshe, 5-1 Colosse, Anotherene To Note. 5-1 Snake Piksken, 10-1 Mazilia, Snotley Agale, Kingchip Boy, 16-1 Duawe, 20-1 Ses God Premiership: Manchester Utd 0, A Villa 0

Price of Cole still rising

LEX FERGUSON was counting his frustrations on Saturday vening: Villa's de fensive attitude, United's inability to break them down, Cole's failure to hit the target with two priceless chances and the sight of Newcastle disappearing over the horizon.

The manager was even frus-trated by Gary Neville's lack of height. "If he was an inch taller he would be the best centre-half in Britain," he said. "His father's 6ft 2, too. Life's not fair. I would check the milkman." Even Ferguson knows there is a difference between taking life seriously and taking it too seriously. He thought Neville's perfor-

mance was magnificent, the youngster having switched across from full-back when Pallister tweaked his back in training. But for once United's problems were not in defence. They were at the other end, where copious posses-sion failed to produce a proallowing Villa to slink away

To put all the blame on Cole would be harsh. United's lack of goals also mirrored a lack penetration behind him. Kanchelskis's pace and thrust are badly missed and, though Giggs had a promising first half on the right, he faded. Keane was subdued, Cantona peripheral and Sharpe on the left wing has long been a shadow of the player who wore the white of England.

It did not help United that Villa congealed the last third

supply, a team need someone certain of taking the few that do arrive. Supposedly that is what £6 million buys.

But after 28 minutes Cols unmarked, somehow headed wide from six yards after good work by Giggs and Butt; then, midway through the second half, he blasted impetuously over from just inside the area. The shavenheaded Cantona, who had set back-heel, punched the turf in a state of manic disbelief one hopes was spared his barber.

The time is surely coming when Ferguson will see in Cole a tentative, inconsistent finisher of limited touch and vision rather than someone guaranteed a place because of how much he cost. The crowd's call for the top scorer Scholes to come off the bench late in the game suggests they too are losing patience. Villa's manager Brian Lit-

tle denied he came for a point, saying United pushed his side on to the defensive. But made the result even more galling for Ferguson. After nearly losing to Sunderland the previous Saturday, United will be under even more scrutiny for the replay tomorrow.

As for the title race, Fergu-son admitted: "It's a bad day for us." He can say that again. Newcastle are now nine points clear with a game in hand and only 16 to play.

Horizontal hold . . . Butt tries a scissors kick against Aston Villa but United had no cutting edge

Sheffield Wednesday 1, Liverpool 1

Jeremy Alexander

HEFFIELD Wednesday Secame a box-holder society on Saturday. This is Roy Hattersley's answer to Tony Blair. David Pleat wished the newly privileged "an era of exciting foot-ball"; and his side, having hardly let Liverpool into their ally was not clear. Kovacebox for an hour, held it then vic's early goal did not. Nor in ricocheting excitement did the midfield runs of Whituntil the 87th minute and a tingham, which three times

This equaliser was rough on Woods, in goal for the first time this season. Insecurity under serial fire had lost him his place but that is not Liverpool's approach and lately Pressman's advances have | Holloway. Even after that Livbeen questioned. "Woods is a good reader of the game," for British Home Stores' sale

So is Nicol. As the middle of up to half original price." three centre-backs he proclaimed with everything he that all but worked: "We've got did that Liverpool pensioned no natural tacklers in midfield him off prematurely after that so we dropped off. With eight uncharacteristic spell when they seemed to believe that any defender would be good ing to buy the one and only. any defender would be good enough if he was expensive enough. Nicol topped 400 games before Babb and Scales were alternately lethal and suimoved to Anfield, most of them before Ruddock too.

Those three, at the other end, were regularly confounded by intelligent move-ment and deep running. "We failed to defend as a unit," said the manager Roy Evans with-They failed also to attack as

Redknapp was desperately look direct. But, with the title still open - so every incentive and opportunity — they were all spear-holders without spears, shunning respon-sibility. "Players sometimes need to be stung," said Evans.

Blair forgot to mention that. What stung them eventuput him in on goal and should have sealed the points.

For an hour the labour of Collymore and Fowler was closely shackled and their final delivery unsatisfactory. last week: "Many items now

Pleat explained a strategy cidal. When he popped up at full-back Wednesday were a breath-holder society.

SCORERS: Shotffeld Wednesda Kovatevic (7min). Liverpook Rush (87).

a unit until the last half-hour. | Referee: D Ellersy (Harrow).

Everton 1, Chelsea 1

Hughes bad news

lan Ross

OW bright is your average footballer? Tricky one, this, because anyone who can second-guess a cautioned Dennis Wise to pre-defender these days is lauded vent a second dismissal. rity brings wisdom, though, why do long-toothed players do such ridiculous things?

Chelsea's Mark Hughes has always gloried in his ability to annoy supporters. Scoring goals apart, it is what he does best. Sadly, as his career begins to fade, it is what he does with increasing frequency.

Having spent an hour indulging this practice Hughes was finally warned about his behaviour — along with Everton's David Unsworth — by the referee. Robert Hart.

Two minutes later Hughes was booked for persistent foul to no avail. play. Three minutes on he was dismissed for violent conduct - stamping, or at least attempting to stamp, on Unsworth's leg with Mr Hart no more than 10 yards away.

Even without a previous caution this was a red-card offence, and after five bookings in his last five games he now faces a suspension of up to six

Glenn Hoddle nevertheless leapt to his defence. "Mark has categorically assured me | Roteroe: R Hart (Darlington).

he did not stamp on the boy, said the Chelsea manage with the paternal loyalty of a creche leader. Hoddle added that shortly after this inci-dent he withdrew the already

"It's a sad state of affairs when you have to juggle your team for fear of having some one sent off," he said, though an even sadder state of affairs is surely when an interna-tional player who captains his club cannot be trusted to

When controversy did not fix the afternoon in its steely gaze the football was eminently forgettable, a pot-pourri of squandered opportunities and wasted effort. Barry Horne, throughout, and Ruud Gullit, in the second half, tried to lift the game out of its torpor but

John Spencer's smartly taken effort might well have decided this match had Dan Petrescu not hauled down Anders Limpar to present Everton with a penalty equaliser for Unsworth.

Everton: Southall; Short, Unaworth, Ablett, Kanchelskla, Ebbrell, Horne, Hinchellife (Amokachi, 60), Limpar, Stuart, Rideout

First Division: Millwall 1, Port Vale 2

Evans boxed in Russians miss wake-up call by Armstrong

in the game.

Commentary

David Lacey

in January, at least not if his best is needed before April. Russian football hibernates from autumn to spring and anything found in between will wear a look of distinct

So although Millwall showed commendable enter-prise in leasing Sergei Yuran tak Moscow, Saturday's anti-climax at the New Den could have been predicted.

For these were not the players who had stunned Blackburn Rovers in the Champi ons' League in September, still less the men who, when playing for Benfica, had silenced the guns at Arsenal in the European Cup four seasons earlier.

To be sure, Saturday's crowd of more than 14,000, which was some 5,000 above Miliwall's average attendance this season, were treated to routine in Moscow were an exhibition of fast, prag-matic football backed by solid defending.

Unhappily for the New Den. Port Vale provided it, belying their modest First Division margin scarcely reflected

Long before it was realised

SO NORWICH CITY can win

son. At the 12th time of asking he finally experienced victory

as a manager and did so at the unlikeliest venue, against a side with designs on moving

second in the First Division.

Norfolk as Megson, without a

win last season in five game

as caretaker, had steadily ad-

vanced his unwanted record

this season since his appoint-

But any mood of defeatism

had not spread to the team,

who more than matched Sun-

derland's combativeness -

no mean task - as they pro-

tected Ward's 12th-minute

goal. Norwich moved sixth,

ahead of Sunderland, leaving

Megson to say: "When we work that hard we are as good

as any team in the division.

The goal was hardly of grand design. Melville be-

came hopelessly entangled as he challenged Ward, and as

the ball ran loose the striker

drove his 10th goal of the sea-

Sunderland have advanced

under Peter Reid with largely

son past Chamberlain.

The biggest opponents Nor-

wich have are Norwich."

A fatalistic air had clung to

David Hopps

ment for real.

Sunderland 0, Norwich City 1

Glorious twelfth for Megson

and admit women free, second goal, Foyle having second thought. But by the Whether any of the latter de done something similar early time the Russians arrived manded their money back it is hard to say. At least nobody chanted "What a load of

To say that Yuran, a 26year-old striker who would never be mistaken for Klins-Drake, and Kulkov, three years older and inaptly la-belled the Russian Baresi, ap-peared bewildered would be

Millwall's equaliser. The Russian's challenge on Mussel-white, the Port Vale goal-keeper, appeared illegal to everyone except Uriah Ren-nie, the Sheffield referee, who

there was turmoil in our allowed Rae's swift dispatchder Nevsky to find themselves | stricken rush at Ewood Park, started lumping the ball forward and when we do that we look a very ordinary side. I'd

Yuran, looking fresher,

lasted the distance and made a dubious contribution to

To say that Millwall's Yuran and Kulkov appeared bewildered would be putting it mildly

caught up in a production of Yuran might be forgiven for Carry On Eisenstein they believing that English goalcould not have looked more out of place.

Neither speaks English but their hand language demanded no translation. Yuran wrung his in despair as ideas that would have been plainly beyond the ken of his new colleagues. Kulkov could never have played in a match where he saw so little of the ball except as a blur several feet above his head.

Kulkov was taken off 28 minutes from the end. his ring-rustiness having allowed McCarthy to get away on the that this apparently mundane right and provide the low A confident Millwall would fixture would create such interest, Millwall had decided tween the Millwall centreto let the kids in for a quid backs and score Port Vale's feet of Yuran with barely a

the same squad that struggled last season. But yesterday they expended considerable effort to little purpose, their

strikers Russell and Phil

Gray ill served from the

taller and stronger opponents.

Acrobatic overheads by Phil

Gray and Smith represented

their best efforts but greater

accuracy will be needed to concern Manchester United

in the FA Cup third-round

much pressure, finessed the

through the second half. Ad-

ams pulled his shot beyond

the far post after sharing a

rapid break down the right

with Eadie, and a minute later

Fleck should have scored

from Molby's through ball but

Molby still retains all the skills but a player of such

rare plumpness should be

wary of a permanent move to

Norfolk, where Bernard Mat-

thews' turkey farms are

reputedly not all they are

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Bowen, Esdle Mollby Adams C'Melli
(Ullahame 57), Flock (Scott, 77) Ward

Reference Grand Instruction

cracked up to be.

shot against the goalkeeper.

Norwich, although under

replay at Roker tomorrow.

keepers are pushovers. And on Saturday's evidence this may well be the collective Russian view of a Millwall de-fence which would have defied the efforts of Marshal Zhukov to organise some sort counter-offensive

Had Yuran and Kulkov would surely have been a different story. Millwall led the First Division then and were playing the fluent passing same which has been the hallmark of Mick McCarthy's four years as manager.

bad dream. SCORERS: Milhwell: Fac (32min), Per Valo: Foylo (6), Naylor (82), Millwalk Carter: Nowman, Wittor. Webber (Forbes, 78). Thatcher, Bowry, Rae (Lavin 86). Kulkov (Taylor, 62), Van Blark, Malkin

Mick McCarthy's team had

and slipped from first to 10th

The Millwall manager was the first to acknowledge the paradox of the situation.

This may seem a classic case of chicken and egg, but

McCarthy knows that some-

times a bit of luck here and

there can transform a losing

team into a winning one. Meanwhile Yuran and Kul-

kov are about to head for a

friendly port, in their case

Grimsby. The real sadness on Satur-

day was not so much the home team's disarray as the

fact that a couple of spare

parts from an outstanding but

financially impoverished

Spartak Moscow side should be there at all. Both, in fact,

eemed to think it was all a

in the table.

Birmingham City 3, Charlton Athletic 4

Charlton fizz to leave Fry frazzled

THIS was Birmingham's 39th game of the season not counting 10 pre-season friendlies — and lethargic legs probably think it is Easter, with hols in Marbella just round the corner.

"I have never played so many games at this stage of the season and we have three more in the next six days," said their manager Barry Fry. "Apart from tiredness there is a greater risk of injury and suspension."

Perhaps match fatigue explains why they have taken only nine points out of 27 and are 11 points behind the lead-Charlton, meanwhile, ap-

pear to have enough fizz to ahead in the 36th after a mislast the whole drink through. Their fourth consecutive away win lifts them above Huddersfield and Stoke and into second place. For a young team who cost

only £275,000 their achievement is considerable, although they have come close to promotion in recent years only to falter over the final furlong. They almost stumbled vesterday. Birmingham. who had taken the lead after

single goal.

Alan Curbishley, Charl-ton's manager, said: "I thought it might be an exciting game but nothing like this. It must have looked Fry said: "Defensively that

was the worst we have played this season. But we also had a few bad decisions. The lad was four or five yards offside for their third goal. It was a terrible decision. Nevertheless Charlton just about deserved their victory.

Hunt put Birmingham ahead with a penalty in the first minute when Balmer brought down Donowa. An Edwards own-goal made it 1-1 in the 18th and Grant put Chariton take by Daish. Robinson, certainly looking offside, made it 3-1 just before half-time, and Leaburn scored Charlton's fourth with a 70th-minute header before goals from Edwards and Forsyth gave Birmingham late hope.

Birnalagham City: Sansomo; Poole, Sowards, Daleh, Frain (Cooper, h-t), Hunt (Bowen, h-tj., Forsyth, Presce, Donowa, Clandgo (Francis, h-t), Bull. Chariton Athletics Salmon, Humphrey. Rusus Balmer. Stuart. Nowton, Bowyer, Mortimor, Robinson. Leaburn, Grant (Nelson, Timin) Premiership: Middlesbrough 2, Arsenal 3

Rioch finds Boro a little less rotten

David Hopps

DDLESBROUGH was all a-clamour. Does Bryan Robson harbour desires to become Eng-land manager? Does the FA really favour him? For Bruce Rioch, who managed the club in bleaker days, it was an unrecognised land.

As Middlesbrough's man-ager 10 years ago, Rioch parked his car over a manparked his car over a mai-hole cover outside the old ground at Ayresome Park to stop the water being cut off. The bailiffs locked the main gates, one home game was played at Hartlepool, but after much heartache the club

"Tve just met my kit man-ager," said Rioch. "He was in the car with me when we parked it over the manhole. parked it over the maintale.
It's wonderful the way the
region has developed since."
Not that Rioch has helped
much in the past week. His
Arsenal side knocked Newcastle out of the Coca-Cola Cup, and a merited victory at the Riverside Stadium on Sat-urday consigned Boro to their fifth Premiership defeat in six

games.
Middlesbrough's slide into
the bottom half of the table has not damaged Robson's reputation, nor should it. Promoted sides are frequently understaffed, and half a dozen first-choice players are still injured. Pollock is the latest victim; he damaged knee liga-ments in a heavy tackle with Keown and is likely to be missing for five weeks. Moore

also faces suspension after his dismissal a minute from time for elbowing McGowan. Robson is the preferred successor for whom opportunity has come too soon. He will speak to the FA and to Terry Venables this week, and yearns for a delay: "Rather

than find a new candidate to take on the job, it would be better to talk Terry round. It would be far better if he was the manager to take us to the World Cup." Juninho sensed Boro's pre-dicament. He played with des-

perate urgency, a series of committed, solo runs often snuffed out by Arsenal's weight of numbers. But his enthusiasm was twice rewarded: with a first-half equaliser, which he lashed in after Fjortof's back-heel had rebounded off Keown, and a second-half lead when his second-half lead when his slick pass was finished off by

Stamp.
"We didn't want to allow space in front of our defence for Juninho and Barmby to play in," Rioch said. "Our

strategy was to keep posses-sion deep in our half.

Arsenal managers talking in such defensive terms invite knowing sniggers. But Ar-senal also implemented what, for them at least, is a rarer strategy: they scored three

Tottenham Hotspur 1, Manchester City 0

Spurs raised

ERRY FRANCIS has ruled out taking on the world, only to find Europe barred to him too. Even for a man who describes himself as "a reluctant manager", the prospect is unthinkable. As White Hart Lane vied

"Kulkov is a very good passer," he said, "but today epicentre of uncertainty, peared bewildered would be ing of the loose hall to stand.

putting it mildly. Had they Having lobbed Spartak's properly, but having gone bestrayed off the set of Alexan winner past Flowers's panichind after six minutes we a one-year European suspensis a very different job, I'd find sion. From on high — via the giant screen - the chairman offered assurances. "In a coulike to see us get a couple of ple of weeks' time this will all go away." "On the Richter scale, this is a one." goals in front so we can get back to playing the way we

Francis's team, too, lifted the mood, overcoming Man-chester City's increasingly awkward challenge. But victory only served to heighten the manager's frustrations as it raised his team into third place and reinforced their European claims.

The possible repercussions from the Intertoto Cup affair raise doubts about his future at Tottenham, where his cur rent arrangement expires this summer. If the European suspension stands, he admitted, it may have a major impact my tactical wits in Europe. I would hate for that to be

of England's foremost chubs, whose fortunes have been transformed in 14 months by his painstaking management. The prime reason for rejecting the national-team oppor-As White Hart Lane vied tunity, said Francis, was lack with Lancaster Gate as the of daily involvement. "I get the best results in making in-

But a change of heart on coaching England is unlikely

- "I don't envy anybody who gets it" - and it is difficult to

see Francis easily leaving one

Francis's knack of improving players was given timely point by Armstrong's headed

winner from Campbell's cross amid a performance of tireless menace to City's defence. It was the 11th goal of the £4.5 million striker's Tottenham career and testimony to his rising confidence. Francis is delighted that

Armstrong has emerged from any self-doubt and developed his all-round game. "Other things are coming into his football. He's had to face a lot of pressure replacing Jürgen Klinsmann." SCORER: Toltenbam Hotepur: Armstrong (65min). Tottenbam Hotspur: Walker; Austin, Nethercott: Mebbut; Edinburgh, Caskey, Campbell, Dozzeli, Rosenthal, Armstrong.

Sheringham. Sheringham. Sanohaster City: Immel: Summerbes, Symons, Curle, Ingram, Eksund (Brown, 60), Filiproft, Lomes, Kinkladzs, Rösler.

Queens Park Rangers 0, Blackburn Rovers 1

Shearer's striking keeps Blackburn sort of stirring

Mark Redding

THE corpse had been wheeled into the mortuary, the refrigerator doors had swung back, then, just as the champions were about to be consigned to oblivion, came an alarming snore. Now the champions are alive and kicking again and moving up the Premiership in ominous

Mind you, those in the Church of England who think there is no Hell should have been at a bleak Loftus Road on Saturday. Alan Shearer's opportunist header 13 minutes from time was the only bright moment in a dreadful game, though it was enough to give Rovers their first away victory since April, when they also won here 1-0, and takes their unbeaten run

The scoreline also mirrored the one at Ewood on the opening day of the season when land centre-forward, who has 20 of their 34 league goals this McAteer and Stubbs. eason. The northern side with the workhorse ethic are

becoming a one-trick pony. Last week Internazionale indicated they were keen to ship the striker to Serie A. "I think it's a fantastic league with fantastic players," Said. Heferes G Ashby (Warrell, Sheerer.

Shearer diplomatically. "But signed a three-year extension to my contract last summer and my only aim is to help Blackburn win the FA Cup and finish as high as we can in the league this sea-son." Which made him sound like Bryan Robson trying to pretend he was not interested in the England job.

One man who definitely does not want the national post is Ray Wilkins. The Queens Park Rangers player-manager said he would turn down any offer: "I don't have enough experience."

The former England mid-

fielder has enough on his plate trying to stave off relegation and keep hold of Sinclair, his one player capable of turning this match. Leeds are repor-tedly thinking of offering 25 million for the roving winger, with Blackburn and Newcastle also in the hunt Asked if was pursuing Sin-

clair, the Rovers manager Ray Harford said: "I wouldn't want to talk about it." The Shearer was again the goal last time he responded in Shearer was again the goal last time he responded in scorer and once more begs the question of where Rovers game at Bolton in August, would be without their Eng. Five days later he offered £8 million for Wanderers'

(77min).

Greens Park Rangers: Sommer;
Eardsley, McDonald, Yates, Challe, Impey (Goodridge, 73), Wilkins (Maddix, 84), Chashie, Brazier (Hateley, h-t), Sinciair.

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England go for Robson

Boro manager is FA target, reports **Martin Thorpe**

HE Football Association will today begin the task of persuad-ing Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson to become the next manager of England. Terry Venables's No. 2 now says he is ready to talk with the governing body.

On Thursday he stressed that he wanted to see out the 18 months of his contract at the Riverside Stedium Duc

the Riverside Stadium. But over the weekend he admit-ted: "I will speak to the FA." He will not rush into things, however. He said he wanted to speak with Venables first and he even suggested that the FA should try to persuade the England coach to change his mind about quitting after the European Championship this

Graham Kelly ruled out that possibility on Friday — "short of a miracle" — so Robson will be targeted to lead England into the World Cup qualifiers after the con-clusion of Euro '96. Venables could, though, be in line for the post of FA technical

Over the weekend he ex-panded on his reasons for quitting, revealing that certain members of the International Committee were "going wobbly" on him.

CELTIC, still dreaming of their first Premier Div-

ision championship for eight years, beat Aberdeen 2-1 at Pittodrie yesterday to close to

five points behind Rangers with a match in hand.

minute goal, a close-range header by Dodds after Mar-shall failed to reach Glass's

corner, the Parkhead side

again demonstrated their new-found resilience.

A second-half charge

brought goals from Collins and Van Hooijdonk in a kill-

Having conceded a 20th-

Patrick Glenn

Celtic stay in title chase

This, he explained, became clear after a December 16 meeting with the committee chairman Noel White of Liverpool, who along with two other committee members had expressed disquiet at the legal and business allegations made against Venables to that point.

Venables requested the talks to find out where he stood. "As a result of that meeting." he said, "I felt that when things started to get tough next October, when I'll be involved in four major court cases, I could not expect to find everyone on my team backing me. My position was

untenable."
The Oldham chairman Ian
Stott was one of the three dissenting voices, and he has been dropped from the sub-committee to choose the next

England manager.
This will comprise the FA chairman Sir Bert Millichip, Kelly. White, the FA vicechairman Chris Willcox and But the FA's chief executive the Southampton vice-chair-raham Kelly ruled out that man and FA councillor Keith

One of the oddest events of the weekend was to hear Ven-ables's biggest adversary, the Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar, forecasting that the England coach will change his mind about quitting. "My gut feeling is that he will remain England man-ager," said Sugar, "I think too many people have reacted too quickly. The situation could

change. I wouldn't give up hope."

Hooijdonk accepted Thom's centre to score his 10th goal

in as many games with a pow-

erful left-foot shot from 12 yards. With the score 2-1 the

referee Tom McCurry needed treatment after being struck on the head by an object

On Saturday Ally McCoist became Rangers' record

thrown from the crowd.





Carry on regardless . . . Wigan's powerbouse centre Tuigamala, scorer of the game's opening try, is briefly delayed by Newlove and Joynt MCHAEL STELLE

Paul Fitzpatrick sees Wigan beat St Helens 25-16 in a vibrant match where errors were ruthlessly punished

Young ones do Saints proud

his doubts last week about the effect that the 10-metre rule is having

upon the game.

He is concerned that the additional freedom now enjoyed by the players is leading to a devaluation of the try, the game's hard currency. Too many matches are producing

too many points.
Saturday's Regal Trophy
final at Huddersfield's
McAlpine Stadium provided a
timely retort to Joyner's argument. If the 10-metre rule can produce games as compelling and competitive as this, there cannot be much wrong with it.

league goalscorer. When he scored the opening goal in the champions' 4-0 thrashing of With the advent of Super League in March, there is no saying where, if at all, the Regal Trophy will fit into the new scheme of things. But if this was the end, it was a sun-Raith Rovers at Ibrox he overtook the 230 goals scored by Bob McPhail in the inter-war years. Including his early goals for St Johnstone, McCoist has a career total of set of the richest colours. 253 in Scottish League games and is homing in on the national record of 254 held by Gordon Wallace. It also held the promise of a bright dawn. St Helens showed here, with a side heavily dependent on men in

short of Wigan's standards. Graeme West, the Wigan Sullivan was to break down coach, welcomed that. It was Wigan's objective, he said, to played better. remain the game's front run-ners come Super League but

performances of this quality from St Helens augured well for the game's overall health. One of Saints' youngsters, the 19-year-old hooker Keiron Cunningham, took the Man of the Match award and two others, the winger Joey Hayes and the full-back Steve Prescott, must have run him close

in the voting.

Anthony Sullivan at 27 and
Vila Matautia and Apollo Perelini at 26 were the oldest members of Saturday's side, an indication of the rich po-tential available to the club's

coach, Eric Hughes. It might have been fulfilled here if Sullivan, Paul Newlove and Chris Joynt had not gone into the game cold. Because of injury, Joynt had not played since December 13, and Newlove and Sullivan

OHN JOYNER, the their teens and early twen-since December 20. Their lack though, about the chief archi-imagination to outwit their Castleford coach, aired ties, that they are not too far of match practice was not tect of Wigan's victory. Had opponents defence again and glaringly apparent, although

Saints found a variety of ways of punishing themselves and found that, as usual, mistakes made against Wigan carry a heavy price. One of their costliest errors came from Scott Gibbs soon after the interval: it was not clear what was going through the centre's mind when, with most of his body in his own in-goal area, he let the ball slip from his left hand.

Kris Radlinksi was on hand to accept the gift. Henry Paul added the inevitable goal points and from an 8-6 interval deficit Wigan went 12-8 up and were never again

What with that and his late dismissal for using his elbow on Simon Haughton, it was a mixed afternoon for Gibbs. who otherwise had an outstanding game.

the Man of the Match votes been collected at the end of the game, the award would almost certainly have gone to the 21-year-old Kiwi stand-off Henry Paul

He seems to be made, as John Arlott once said of Clive Lloyd, of springs and rubber and he is a defender's nightmare to pin down. Newlove. Bobby Goulding and Prescott all made unavailing attempts to nail this whirling bundle of energy in the 52nd minute. He weaved through again in in-jury time, to end with 16

Saints' best spell came after Tuigamala's opening try in the 15th minute. For eight minutes they were touched by magic and richly deserved tries from Hayes — one of the finest the competition can have seen — and Newlove.

Cunningham got a third in the 71st minute and Wigan, at 19-16, led by only three points. But Saints could not nd the extra energy or

Paul's late try gave Wigan the trophy for the eighth time in nine final appearances. After the match West pub

licly questioned why Paul cannot command a regular place in New Zealand's inter-national side. "Henry is a game breaker when he goes into any situation," the Wigan coach said. "How they can keep him out of the New Zealand squad is beyond me." The man of the hour him-self was taking it as it came self was taking it as it came. "It wasn't a vintage Wigan win," said Paul. "But sometimes you have to pick up scraps to survive. We did that

and came up smiling. Saints didn't. Defensively, our hearts were in our mouths at St Helene: Prescoll: Hayes, Glbbs, Newlove, Sullivan (Northey, 47min), Hammond. Goulding: Perelian, Cunninghem, Pickayance (Matukia, 25), Joynt, Booth, Busby (Pickayance, 39).

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WORLD SERIES CUP (Pertn): Sri Lanka 302 (50 overs) West Indies, 186-9 (50). Sri Lanka won by 16 runs SHEFFIRID SHIELD (third day) Adia-toides S Australia 382 (P Nobes 121, J Skiddons 110) & 243-8. NSW 284. Mohartz Victoria 275 & 103-2. Tasmania 456-8ded ID Boom 108. S Young 100no).

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Wycombe 1, Standinges 1 Oxford H 11-27;
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Thatto, W Hull put paid to pros

Wo amateur sides,
West Hull and Thatto
Heath, will go into
today's fourth-round Silk
Cut Challenge Cup draw
after knocking out professional opposition yesterday, writes Paul
Fitzpatrick
West Hull, from the
National Conference Premier Division, beat High-

mier Division, beat High-field 35-20 and Thatto Heath, of the North-west Counties League Premier Division, beat Chorley 27-12. Highfield were knocked out at this stage last year by Beverley, the first amateur club in 86 years to beat profes-sional opponents in the

competition. Sean Fanning, the Highfield centre, scored a hat-trick of tries and two goals but West Hull, with the loose forward Stuart Fart outstanding, deserved a victory to which David Roe contributed seven goals and Paul Watts two tries.

Three tries from Ray Waring, all improved by Mark Cook, put Thatto Heath well on the way to victory by half-time. A try from Mark Pilkington and two Cook penalties made certain after the interval. Leigh and Swinton ran up half-centuries against Egre-mont and Thornhill but Heworth took Bramley

In the Centenary Championship Halifax and Warrington produced a contest of surprising passion with little at stake. Halifax had Wayne Jackson dismissed midway through the second half and at that stage were 14-8 down. But their 12 men produced a stirring finish, and tries from Chris improved by Mike Umaga, gave them a 20-14 victory. Workington will take the wooden spoon. They lost 20-12 to Oldham at Derwent Park even though tries from Marwood and Fawcett after the interval revived their hopes. Lord, Maloney, Crompton and Bradbury got Oldham's

tries. Salford looked every inch First Division champions at Wakefield, where they ran in five tries to one, and Keighley's 14–8 win over Batley gave them the run-

ing five-minute burst. Collins rounded off a scintillating

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Bolton 1. Wimbledon C, Everton 1. Chelsea 1; Lect. 2. West Ham C, Man Uts G. Aston Villa C, Middlesbrough 2. Arsenal 3; Noton Forest 1, Southempton C, OPR G, Black-burn 1; Shed Wod 1. Liverpool 1; Totter-hem 1, Man C 9.

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Third Divisions Cheeter 1, Bury 1; Col-chester 3, Barnet 2; Doncaster 1, Torquey 0, Fuhan 1, Scarborough 0; Gillingham 2, Uncoin 0; Harestord 3, Cambridge Und 2; L Orient 1, Mansfield 0; Northampton 1, Col-che 1, Colon

Field Utd v Horshaft. GREAT-HILLS LEAGUE: Premiert Back-well U 1, Barnstaple T 2, Chippenham T 0, Brislington 0: Frome T 2, Cradition U 1; Odo Down Ath 4, Elence 0, Tweston T 2, Briston D; Westbury U 0, Bristol MF 0.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE Premier Division

Farsham T 0, Pastaneth Cindertord T v Ton-bridge A: Witney T v Sittingbourne.

New COUNTRIES LEARDINE: Prest Div-lations Buracough 3, Penrith 1, Chadderton 3, Kidsgrove A 2: Eastwood Han 1, Black-pool Rera 0; Holker OB 1. Darwen 1, Maines Rd 5, Sitelmerdadle U 2: Mossiery 0, St Helena T 3; Newcastle T 1, Bootle 4; Pres-cot 6, Saford C 1; Rosendale U 1, Clos-aop NE 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUES: First: Chester Le Street 2. Whitby T 1; Eppleton CW 1, Crook T 4, Murron 3, W Auckland 0; RTM Newcastle 1, Gutsborrough T 4; Sealarm RS 2, Shildon 2. Tore Law T 4, Stockton 2; Whichham 2. Conectt 1. Patiend: Ferryhill A v Bil-lingham Byn. Conesti T. Patgend: Ferryinill A v Bil-flagham Syn.
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PORTUDUESE LEAGUEE Saturday:
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Gulmarase 4, Campomeiorense 2; Arnadora 4, Braga 2, Gill Vicente 0, Laca 0;
Chaves 1, Fedgueras 5; Marrimo 1, Unice
Letra 6; Belenceses 1, Boavista 2, Pridaye
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(78-49); 3, Bentica (18-37)
FRENECH CLIPF First rounds Saturdays
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Rennes 1, Nancy 2; Gueugnon 1, Valence
2: Cantres 6, Perpigman 1; Niort 2, Guingamp 2 (set; 1-1 90min; Niort veon 7-6
pens), Paris 61 Germain 3, Chaleaurous 1;
Seant-Leu 0, Lillio 1; Valencienues 1, Straibourg 2 (set; 1-1 at 90min; Brest 1 Nice 1
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3, La Fische 1, Mertiques 4; Port-de-Roide
1, Bordeaut 4, Bloncd 1, Bestia 0, SaintCuentin 1, Nantes 7; Pacy-sur-Eure 1,
Montpellier 2, Saintes 0, Le Havro 3, Si
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22; W Southand 48, Wignewshere 22.
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11; Chelionham 20, Maison 18, Heriequins
41, Loughborough U 15, Leicester SS,
Glasgow Dal 25, Lianuali 54, Aberavon 15;
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21, Bath 12. Regional Leagues East (Nus 23, Currie 18; Edinb

Rugby League SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP

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ice Hockey Rochdele (29) 39, Fastherstone (10) 16. Rochdele Triess Gibson 2. Booth, Churn, Diggle, Marriot, Pechniut. Goales Booth S. Brops Agar. Fostborstones Triess Rombo 2. Heppinstall, Goales Pegrson 2 (1079) BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier Dhistons Basingstoke 4. Newcastle 4: Fife 9, Not-tingham 2. Shelheld 9. Durham 3. Slough 4. Milton Keynes 9. First divisions Bil-lingham 10, Murraylleld 6: Guiktlord 13.

Golf

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN GUALIFYING
TOURNAMENT (MEDOUME) Selected:
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V Caurgo (Hun) 6-1. 6-1. Final resent
Wood bit, MrShea (Aus) 6-4. 6-1.
COLONIAL GLASSIC EICHESTION (Methourne) Flash M Cheng (US) bit V Kelenikov (Rus) 7-5. 6-1. 3/4th play-off: A
Agass (US) bit Courter (US) 6-4. 6-2.
PETERS INTERNATIONAL (Sydney)
Mere Final: T Martin (US) bit O Wannsevec
(Cro) 5-7. 6-3. 6-4. Womens Semi-finals
M Selec (US) bit Schult-AfcCarthy
(Neth) 7-6. 6-4. b. Denvergert (US) bit h
Date (Japan) 6-2. 4-6, 7-5. Finals Selec bit
Davergort 4-6. 7-6. 6-3.
WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Hobert)
Semi-finals: 4 Halest-Decepts (Fr) bit
Shi-Ting Vang (Ta) 6-2. 6-2: M Endo
(Japan) bit F Libat (Arg) 6-2. 2-6. 6-4.
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Devran bit A Luzginia Vannat 4-6. 6-4. 6-3.
LTA REZEON TOUR (Telford): Finals
Menn N Weal (Surrey) bit 7 Sprins (Nortch):
5-0 6-1. Womens E Bood (Glouce) bit
Wyan (Ocon) 6-2. 6-3.

Boxing

PROFESSIONAL SELL: European super-middlevelight little: Henry Wharton (York, hor) bt Vincenzo Nardiello (II) ref 6th. Lightweight: Blark Heatens (Man-chester) bt John Harrison (Devon) pts. Eritish: Eght-middleweight tittler Embry Bliegham (Manchester) bt Gilbert Jackson (Baltersea) ref 3rd.

Cross-Country

PRIEBON: INTER-COUNTIES CHARPI-ONSHEPS (Luton): Menn 11.7 lose 1. J Downes (Midda) 36mm 07sec; 2. D Bannster (ME Counties) 35.14; 3. T Dickmson (Lancs) 35.17. Tearnes: 1. N-E Counties 113; 2. Kenl 198; 3. Yorkshira 239; 4. N Ireland 254; 5. Gir Manchester 271; 6. Avon a Somerset 314. Women's 5.9kms; 1. S. Rigg (Chesthire) 196; 2. S. McGleorge (Susses) 19.09; 3. E Talbot (Bede) 19.12. Teamse: 1, Yorkshire 99; 2. N-E Counties 303; 3. Gir Manchester 326; 4. Hampshire 351; 5. Surrey 383; 6. Essex 442. Squash

SQUASSI

NATIONAL C'SHIPS (Berningham): Mase
Courter-finaler P Misel (Scot) bt N Taylor
(Lancs) 9-1, 8-2, 9-0; 3 Wassie (Berlis) bt
C Tomlinson (Kent) 8-0, 9-6, 9-5; D Herris
(Essex) bt P Johnson (Kent) 8-6, 9-2, 9-2;
M Chaloner (Lincs) bt P Lord (Cheshire)
9-0, 9-5, 9-6 Semi-finale Chaloner bt
Harris 6-9, 9-5, 8-0, 3-9, 9-5; Womener
Guerter-finaler L Charman (Sussex) bt C
Jackman (Norlok) 7-9, 10-9, 10-8, 9-6; F
Geirves (Gloucs) bt J Martin (Northumbra) 9-1, 9-6, 9-4; S Wright (Konf) bt S
Macile (Scot) 10-9, 9-5, 9-0; S Momeny
(Yorks) bt R Macroe (Essex) 9-1, 9-1, 5-9,
9-2, Semi-finale Charman bt Gesves 4-9,
9-4, 9-5 10-8. 9-2, **Semi-IS** 9-4, 9-5 10-8

| Sport in brief

Cholmsford 5: Durririee 2. Swindon 7: Passiey 3. Manchaster 6, Pelerborough 7, Medway 5: Teštord 14, Bollmult 4. Philadelphia 0; Boston 3. New Jersey 2, Montreel 3, St Louis 3; San Jose 10, Pitisburgh 8. Tampa Bay 4, Odawa 1; Vancouver 5, Toronio 2, Deboli 4, Washington 2; Edmonton 5, Bulfalo 4; Deboli 3, Los Angeles 2, Montreel 6, Pitisburgh 5, Chicago 3, Anahern 6; Hartford 3, Winnipeg 2; Ficrida 5, Delias 6; Celgary 3 Buttalo 1. Athletics

A strong party including Andrew Pearson, the European cross-country bronze medal winner, and Keith Cullen, fourth in the same event, end as the build-up to the World Cross-Country Championships in South Africa in March gathers pace, writes Stephen Bierley.

Soccer

NIBAs Indiana 108. Minnesota 94: Toronto 108. Washington 100. Atlants 106. Boston 105; Detroit 91, New Jersey 80: Sacramento 119, New York 111. Chicago 120. Philadelphia 93. Charlotte 103. Dellas 85; San Antonio 106, Orlando 105; Portland 118. Demor 117; Vancouver 99, Meami 68: Housion 115. LA Clippers 105; New York 105. Boston 90; Philadelphia 107. New Jersey 80; Orlando 19. Milwauken 88; Weshington 117, Sacramento 89; Dallas 140. Phoenix 130; Demore 90, Cleveland 63; San Antonio 101. Utah 94; Seatle 113. Mismi 81, Golden Stalis 104. Vancouver 85, LA Lakers 101, Housion 100. Ghana lived up to their billing as favourites with a 2-0 defeat of Ivory Coast in Port Elizabeth in the African Nations Cup yesterday. Goals in each half from Tony Yeboah of Leeds United and Abedi Pele gave the Black Stars the win, their first against Ivory Coast in seven meetings since 1970.

Earlier yesterday Zambia and Algeria drew 0–0 in Bloemfontein and on Saturlay South Africa made an impressive start with a 3-0 victory over Cameroon. Phil Masinga, Yeboah's colleague at Leeds, and Mark Williams of Wolves both scored.

Motor Racing

Mark Blundell has switched from Formula One to IndyCar

Alex Higgins suffered his ninth defeat in 10 matches this season, losing 5–1 to Scot-land's world No. 148 Marcus competition for next month's Sweater Shop International Open at Blackpool, writes Clive Everton. Cliff Thorburn, who has lost all his seven matches, was beaten 5-4 by the world No. 67, Brian

Chess

Chess HOGGOVENS TOURNAMENT (Neth).
Record Once B Goffand (Bir) v S Trisakov (Rus); R Hubner (Ger) v J Pilet (Neth); J Timfann (Neth) v I Sololov (Bos), P Leko (Hun) v M Adams (Eng) V Topalov (Bul) v A Shirov (Sp); V Anand (Ind) v V Ivanchuk (Dir) all drawn; L van Weily (Neth) 0: A Dreev (Rus) 1.

Fixtures

(7.30 unless stated) Soccer

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second TEMPENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second-replays: Brechin v Clyde.

ICIS LEAQUE: Carlton Gup: Third reused Rulelly In v Billerleay In. PONTIME LEAQUE: First Division: Bar-mingham C v Everion (7.0): Newcastle v Stoke (7.0): Second Division: Mansileid v Grimsby (7.0): Preston v Leicester (7.0). AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First Division: Swindon v Southambion (2.0): Second Division: Birmingham v Newport AFC (7.0), Chellenham v Bournamouth.

with the PacWest Racing Group after failing to secure a grand prix drive next season. Snooker

Michael Adams, play<u>i</u>ng black, drew a 27-move Ruy Lopez with the Hungarian prodigy Peter Leko in the opening round at Wijk aan Zee, writes Leonard Barden.

Cycling Tony Doyle said yesterday

that he intends to stay in office despite being asked to resign as president of the British Cycling Federation after a vote of no confidence.

Golf

Mark Mouland from Wales shot a final-round 68 to finish five shots adrift of Taiwan's Yeh Chang-ting in second place in the Asian PGA Championship in Hong Kong.

England recall for Dean Richards, page 12 Seles limps into the Open, page 12

United rue their missed chances, page 14 St Helens go down fighting, page 15

SportsGuardian

GIFT GOAL FOR WATSON TAKES LEADERS NINE POINTS CLEAR

Premiership: Coventry City 0, Newcastle United 1

Newcastle step on the throttle

EWCASTLE Uni-ted yesterday most significant win of the season their least to the season the season their least to the season with one of their least impres-

City, ground out over shifting sands at Highfield Road, owed more to sound defending than

Nevertheless Kevin Kee gan's team are now nine points ahead at the top of the Premiership with a match in hand over their immediate pursuers. If Manchester rarely develop an even pattern United and Tottenham are waiting for Newcastle to hit a lacked its familiar finency, deosing streak they may, on spite another exhibition of art this evidence, wait in vain

Should the run of five away eague games without a win, which was ended by Steve Watson's goal a minute before half-time yesterday, turn out to be Newcastle's bad patch, then by the spring St James' Park will surely be celebrat-69 years. However far they fall below form, Newcastle

match without something.
"We didn't play well," Keegan conceded, "but at the end gan conceded, "but at the end of the day it's a massive three points for us. At the moment tested Ogrizovic's reflexes, our destiny is in our own and Peacock cleared the ball

The extra depth of playing strength that shortened the against Newcastle winning the title this time is now

fence as well as Gillespie on the right flank, but his team retained their shape and discipline and Coventry, for all

A surge over Christmas and the New Year bad eased the gloom gathering over Ron At-kinson's side, but Coventry remain wedged into the anxious pack of teams clinging to the lower rungs of the table. For sheer effort they probably deserved a point, but once they had to score it became a

Football played on a lumpy mixture of mud and sand will and industry from Beardsley. Newcastle's better perfor

mances came from their fullbacks Barton and Beresford, who denied Dublin and Whelan a regular service of decent centres, and from their cen-tral defenders Albert and Peacock, who were rarely dis-turbed by the two Coventry

the attention. Co-ordinated movements from either side were few. An early header by from Newcastle's goalmouth after a shot from Salako had and large the crowd had to generate its own excitement. Seven minutes before half-

line to Richardson, who nod-ded it straight back to Dublin. line. Dublin tried a snap-shot from 40 yards and was un-

lucky to see the ball sail wide. This reinforced the feeling that if the afternoon was goto make a fundamental error.

Ginola tried to open up the right flank with a curling crossfield pass of medium height. Salako attempted to intercept it by sticking up a foot but merely laid the ball Watson, who strode through an inviting gap and beat Ogri-zovic with a cool finish.

It was Watson's third goal of the season and the first be had scored against anyone other than Liverpool. "It was a bad mistake," said Atkinson giumly, "and it might have a big effect on our league posi-tion at the end of the season."

With Williams pushing forward more frequently, Coven-try carried the game to New castle for much of the second half. A lively eight minutes from Ndlovu kept their opti-mism alive but Keegan's de-fence, frequently augmented by Ferdinand and Beardsley



Rump kicks back to land RFU in chaos

Frank Keating

sees a schism loom in Birmingham

over professionalism

union in England has not yet turned professional — offi-cial. The RFU's special gen-eral meeting, held in a packed Conference Centre at Birmingham, sensationally broke up last evening to shouts of "shambles" and "chaos" as a doughty rump of the rank and file dug in their reactionary heels.

reactionary heels.

A new meeting will be convened, "if possible within the next six weeks," said an obviously shocked Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, in theory, Twickenham could yet find itself heige ordered by its mem. self being ordered by its mem-bership to break away from the International Rugby Board - and so set in train

another great rugby schism 101 years after the first. England's handful of swank senior clubs, already disenchanted anyway, may be persuaded to escape these minor encumbrances in the sticks Premier League has done in

It was a thoroughly embar-rassing day for the RFU. Its committee's unanimous nomutive committee, John Jeavons-Fellows, was roundly beaten by Cliff Brittle, the Isle of Man tax exile who repre-sents Staffordshire RFU. The vote of 647 to Brittle and only 332 to Twickenham's nominee must be seen in the circumlandslide

In the event, the wider issue overwhelmed this clash of personalities. The meeting was called in the first place to steer the game into the Ilst that the English game should century. Might yesterday stay totally amateur? "We have begun a move to put it will solve that if and when the

doubts it. But, with yester-day's reaction, well, you

never know. The vote for Brittle had at portant pointer towards the obvious rumblings of provincial and parochial feelings, but once these were articulated the presumption was that the rest of the agenda — Twickenham's blueprint would be nodded through with just the odd growl. Yet

palpable.
"This meeting is an utter shambles," said one back-woodsman to fevered applause. "Tve never known such utter unprofessiona-lism," said another. "What will those money-grubbing England players think of that then?" said one highly satisfied buffer as he got into his top-of-the-range Rover to drive home.

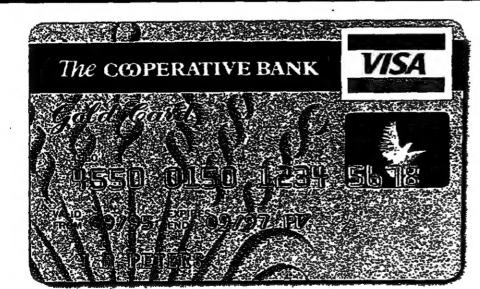
To be sure, the RFU president Bill Bishop, who chaired the meeting, had an im-mensely uncomfortable day. 'It is totally unacceptable to us that any of you think we are trying to hoodwink you," he pleaded to unbelieving gruffness. A questionnaire has been circulated to all clubs itemising proposed changes and it must be returned to the RFU by Feb-

"Democracy has taken place and the membership has been allowed to speak. said the grey-coiffed, dark-suited and tres distingué Brittle. "It is vital now to define possible time — realising. however, that quick fixes usually bring long-term

'It will be not in the least committee which has opposed me. The vital thing is to take

But what would happen if this next meeting demanded

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Cronje caught out but England lose

Africa by seven wick-ets in Pretoria yester-day to go 3-1 down in the carried on from there and seven-match one-day

The defeat again expose England's bowling deficien-cies after Alec Stewart (64) helped them to 272 for eight from their 50 overs.

simply pulverised England captain persuaded the umcate and Cronje in reply, the openers Gary pire to ask for a television tually given out.

If John Major

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"NGLAND lost to South | Kirsten (116) and Andrew victory eventually arrived

with two overs to spare. Graham Thorpe exacted a measure of revenge on Han-sie Cronje after the Eng-land batsman's controversial run-out in the final Test at Newlands. On that occasion South Africa's

replay. Yesterday Thorpe caught Cronje on the boundary and immediately called for the third umpire the very action which caused Cronje to be docked half his match fee — when Wilf Diedricks signalled a six, believing that a foot had strayed over the

Diedricks duly signalled for the TV replay to adjudi-cate and Cronje was even-

Ray Illingworth was dis-satisfied with England's performance. "I am not happy," he said. "We still made mistakes, and we balls again.
"We didn't bowl as many

no balls and wides as we did in Johannesburg yesterday but we have to get these four balls out of our system."

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17 Writing a letter about

deposited capital (B)

19 The head of state beset by

20 Chopped capers put into a

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